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Sondra Van Ert, co-owner of Baldy Sports, ties balloons to a bike trailer in front of her store to celebrate the news of U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's release on Sunday, June 1, 2014 in Hailey, Idaho, his hometown. Bergdahl, 28, had been held prisoner by the Taliban since June 30, 2009. He was handed over to U.S. special forces by the Taliban in exchange for the release of five Afghan detainees held by the United States.

(AP Photo/The Times-News, Ashley Smith)

US Defends Captive Swap with Taliban; Critics Stir

**CALVIN WOODWARD
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Five years a captive from the Afghanistan war, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl is back in American hands, freed for five Guantanamo terrorism detainees in a swap stirring a sharp debate in Washington over whether the U.S. should have negotiated

with the Taliban over a prisoner exchange. U.S. officials said Sunday that Bergdahl's health and safety appeared in jeopardy, prompting rapid action to secure his release. Republicans said the deal could place U.S. troops in danger, especially if the freed detainees return to the fight — one called it

"shocking." Another, Arizona Senator John McCain, said of the five detainees: "These are the hardest of the hard core." Visiting troops in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel stepped forward at Bagram Air Field to thank the special operations forces that retrieved

Bergdahl, who officials said was the only American prisoner of war still held by insurgents in that conflict. Gen. Joseph Dunford spoke of the excitement that spread through U.S. ranks when the sergeant's release was confirmed. "You almost got choked up," he said. "It was pretty extraordinary."

Tireless campaigners for their son's freedom, Bob and Jani Bergdahl thanked all who were behind the effort to retrieve him. "You were not left behind," Bob Bergdahl told reporters, as if speaking to his son. "We are so proud of the way this was carried out."

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Suspect in Jewish museum killings in custody

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PARIS (AP) — A suspected French jihadist who spent time in Syria is in custody over the shooting deaths of three people at a Belgian Jewish museum, prosecutors said Sunday, crystalizing fears that European

said.

The suspect had a revolver and a retractable automatic weapon like those used in the Brussels attack, and ballistics analyses were underway to determine if they were used in the attack, Molins said.

At least one of the weapons was wrapped up in a

session shows his weapons and clothes, and includes a voice claiming responsibility for the "attack in Brussels against Jews," Van Leeuw said. He said it wasn't certain whether the voice was that of the suspect.

Belgian police carried out raids in the Courtrai re-



Belgium Interior Minister Joelle Milquet, left, and French counterpart Bernard Cazeneuve address the media in Paris, Sunday, June 1, 2014. A suspected French jihadist who spent time in Syria is in custody over the shooting deaths of three people at a Belgian Jewish museum, prosecutors said Sunday, crystalizing fears that European radicals will parlay their experiences in Syria into terrorism back home.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

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When Mehdi Nemmouche was arrested in southern France on Friday, he was in possession of firearms, a large quantity of ammunition and a video claiming responsibility for the May 24 attack, a Belgian prosecutor said.

In a one-minute rampage that deeply shook Europe's Jewish community, a gunman opened fire at the Brussels museum. In addition to the fatalities, another person was gravely wounded.

Authorities raised anti-terror alert levels as they searched for the attacker. But it was ultimately a customs inspection in the French port city of Marseille that turned up Nemmouche, as he disembarked from a bus coming from Amsterdam, Paris prosecutor Francois Molins

white sheet scrawled with the name of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, an extremist group fighting in Syria, Molins said. Nemmouche, a 29-year-old from northern France, had a criminal record, with seven convictions for crimes like attempted robbery — but nothing related to terrorism, Molins said.

He said the suspect became radicalized in prison, and left for Syria just three weeks after his last prison stay in late 2012, going to Syria via Brussels, London and Istanbul. He said the suspect had spent about a year in Syria, though it is unclear why he went and what he did while there.

Belgian federal prosecutor Frederic Van Leeuw, in a separate news conference in Brussels on Sunday, said the suspect had tried to film the killings on May 24, but his camera failed.

A video found in his pos-

session shows his weapons and clothes, and includes a voice claiming responsibility for the "attack in Brussels against Jews," Van Leeuw said.

The suspect has been handed to anti-terrorist investigators and could be held at least through Tuesday under French counter-terrorism law.

"The new elements in this investigation draw attention once more to the problem of the 'returnees' — in other words the people going to Syria to participate in combat and return afterward to our country," Van Leeuw said. "All European countries are confronted at this moment with this problem."

Interior ministers from around the European Union are expected to focus on strengthening ways to stem Syria-related violence when they meet in Brussels on Thursday. □

AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

Court: Bahamas dredging can proceed

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A resort company won permission this weekend to resume a dredging project off the islands of Bimini that critics have said is damaging an environmentally fragile underwater habitat. The Bahamian Supreme Court lifted an injunction on the project issued May 23 by the Privy Council. Opponents argued that Resorts World Bimini lacked the proper environmental permits for the dredging. Resorts World Bimini, a unit of Malaysia-based Genting Group, has said it has all the required permits and is taking steps to protect reefs. The company said in a statement that the dredging would immediately resume as a result of the ruling. Opponents, the 'Bimini Blue Coalition,' planned to appeal the ruling. The company is dredging off North Bimini to build a cruise ship pier to make it easier for it to carry cruise ship passengers to the resort it is developing.

Puerto Rico unveils \$16M civil project

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx traveled to Puerto Rico to help announce on Saturday the construction of a \$16 million thoroughfare project in the U.S. territory. The thoroughfare is expected to link Puerto Rico's upcoming \$196 million cancer treatment center with a future high-tech business park. It also will connect to the island's existing Medical Center, a conglomerate of health institutions in the capital of San Juan. Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said the project's first phase will create some 150 jobs and will be completed by 2016. Foxx also took the opportunity during the press conference to once again call on Congress to refill the Highway Trust Fund, noting it would soon start bouncing checks and warning that thousands of projects could be in jeopardy. The fund is financed by gasoline taxes.

FBI arrests Puerto Rico judge on bribes

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — FBI agents arrested a Puerto Rico Superior Court judge suspected of accepting bribes in exchange for acquitting a man charged in a fatal drunk-driving case. Manuel Acevedo Hernandez, 62, was detained at his home in the northwestern coastal town of Aguadilla. He had previously been suspended when the federal investigation began. Also charged in the case is certified public accountant Lutgardo Acevedo Lopez, 39, who was acquitted last year on charges including vehicular homicide. He had been arrested on suspicion of hitting another car in June 2012 and killing a security guard. Acevedo Lopez is now charged with using intermediaries to pay \$3,200 worth of taxes owed by the judge as well as pay for the renovation of the judge's garage and buy him a \$1,200 motorcycle, clothing, a watch and other items.

Landfill group reaches a deal with EPA

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A landfill company in Puerto Rico has agreed to make several upgrades at its site and pay a \$250,000 penalty as part of a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Landfill Technologies of Arecibo also will launch a recycling and composting program in the north coast city with help from the municipality. The EPA said this weekend that the company also will implement additional flood protection measures and ground water monitoring improvements. The EPA said the company was generating too much waste and not composting or recycling enough. □

Philly Inquirer co-owner among 7 dead in jet crash

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BEDFORD, Massachusetts (AP)—The co-owner of the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper, Lewis Katz, was killed along with six other people in a fiery plane crash in Massachusetts, just days after reaching a deal that many hoped would end months of infighting at the newspaper and help restore it to its former glory. The 72-year-old businessman's Gulfstream corporate jet ran off the end of a runway, plunged down an embankment and erupted in flames during a takeoff attempt Saturday night at Hanscom Field outside Boston, authorities said. There were no survivors.

Katz was returning to New Jersey from a gathering at the home of Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. Also killed was Katz's next-door neighbor, Anne Leeds, a 74-year-old retired preschool teacher he had invited to accompany him. The identities of the other victims weren't immediately released.

The plane was carrying four passengers, two pilots and a cabin attendant, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. Investigators said it was too soon to discuss the cause of the crash.

Katz made his fortune investing in parking lots and the New York Yankees' cable television network. He once owned the NBA's New Jersey Nets and the NHL's New Jersey Devils and in 2012 became a minority investor in the Inquirer.

Last Tuesday, Katz and Harold H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest struck a deal to gain full control of the Inquirer as well as the Philadelphia Daily News and Philly.com website by buying out their co-owners for \$88 million — an agreement that ended a very public feud over the Inquirer's business and journalism direction.

Lenfest said Sunday that the deal will be delayed but will still go through.

When bidding on the com-

pany, Katz and Lenfest vowed to fund in-depth journalism and retain the Inquirer's Pulitzer-winning editor, Bill Marimow.

"It's going to be a lot of hard work. We're not kidding ourselves.

It's going to be an enormous undertaking," Katz said then, noting that advertising and circulation revenues had fallen for years. "Hopefully, (the Inquirer) will get fatter."

The fight over the future of Philadelphia's two major newspapers was sparked last year by a decision to fire Marimow. Katz and Lenfest wanted a judge to block the firing. Katz sued a fellow owner, powerful southern New Jersey Democratic powerbroker George Norcross.

The dispute was settled when Katz and Lenfest, a cable magnate-turned-philanthropist, bought out their partners.

The Inquirer has changed hands five times in eight years, and like many other newspapers, it has seen a downturn in business that has forced it to cut staff, close bureaus and scale back its ambitions.

Three previous owners, including Norcross, said in a statement that they were deeply saddened by Katz's death.

"Lew's long-standing commitment to the community and record of strong philanthropy across the region, particularly Camden where he was born and raised, will ensure that his legacy will live on," they said.

The event at Goodwin's home in Concord, Massachusetts, was held to support an education initiative by Goodwin's son.

Afterward, Katz, Goodwin's friend of nearly 20 years, joined the author and others at dinner, where they talked about their shared interests, including journalism, Goodwin said.

"The last thing he said to me upon leaving for the plane was that most of all what we shared was our love and pride for our children," Goodwin said in a statement. □



National Transportation Safety Board senior air safety investigator Luke Schiada speaks during a news conference at Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass., Sunday, June 1, 2014. The co-owner of the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper, Lewis Katz, was killed along with six other people in a fiery plane crash in Massachusetts, just days after reaching a deal that many hoped would end months of infighting at the newspaper and help restore it to its former glory.

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US Defends Captive Swap with Taliban; Critics Stir

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He spoke in Boise, Idaho, as residents in the sergeant's hometown of Hailey prepared for a homecoming celebration. The Taliban handed Bergdahl over to special operations forces in an area of eastern Afghanistan, near the Pakistan border, U.S. officials said. In a statement on its website, the Taliban put the location on the outskirts of Khost province. Bergdahl, 28, was taken to Bagram Air Field for medical evaluations, then transferred to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany before he is reunited with his family in the U.S., probably at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, officials said. Officials did not offer details

about Bergdahl's health. National security adviser Susan Rice said he had lost considerable weight and faced an "acute" situation. Yet she said he appeared to be "in good physical condition" and "is said to be walking." Questions persisted, too, about the circumstances of Bergdahl's capture; Hagel declined to comment on earlier reports that the sergeant had walked away from his unit, disillusioned with the war. Such matters "will be dealt with later," Hagel said. Hagel was met with silence when he told troops in a Bagram hangar: "This is a happy day. We got one of our own back." It was unclear whether the absence



This undated image provided by the U.S. Army shows Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl. U.S. officials say the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan has been freed and is in U.S. custody. The officials say Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's release was part of a negotiation that includes the release of five Afghan detainees held in the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(AP Photo/U.S. Army)

to be banned from leaving Qatar for at least a year. Among the five: a Taliban deputy intelligence minister, a former Taliban interior minister with ties to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and a figure linked by human rights monitors to mass killings of Shiite Muslims in Afghanistan in 2000 and 2001. Administration officials and lawmakers pressed their points on the Sunday television news shows. Republicans said the deal violated requirements that Congress be given 30 days' notice before any exchange of captives at Guantanamo. Rice said "an urgent and an acute situation," which she did not specify, did not allow that time. "We did not have 30 days to wait," she said.

"And had we waited and lost him, I don't think anybody would have forgiven the United States government." Several dozen U.S. special operations forces, backed by multiple helicopters and surveillance aircraft, secured Bergdahl's transfer from about 18 Taliban members. He is believed to have been held by the Haqqani network since June 30, 2009. Haqqani operates in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region and claims allegiance to the Afghan Taliban but operates with some degree of autonomy. "I'm going to celebrate him coming home," said Republican Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois. But the release of "five mid- to high-level Taliban is shocking to me, especially without coming to Congress." As they stood with Obama in the Rose Garden, Bob Bergdahl said his son was having trouble speaking English after his release, although the family had not talked with him directly. The elder Bergdahl, who grew a long, thick beard to honor his son, had worked to learn Pashto, the language spoken by his son's captors, and delivered a message to him and the people of Afghanistan in that language. □

of cheers and applause came from a reluctance to display emotion in front of the Pentagon chief or from any doubts among the troops about Bergdahl. In weighing the swap, U.S. officials decided that it could help the effort to reach reconciliation with the Taliban, which the U.S. sees as key to more security in Afghanistan. But they acknowledged the risk that the deal would embolden insurgents, perhaps encouraging them to grab U.S. troops or citizens as bargaining chips for the release of others in U.S. custody. Republicans pressed that point. "Have we just put a price on other U.S. soldiers?" asked Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. "What does this tell terrorists, that if you capture a U.S. soldier, you can trade that soldier for five terrorists?" President Barack Obama, joined in the Rose Garden on Saturday by Bergdahl's parents, said the deal was struck because the U.S. "does not ever leave our men and women in uniform behind." Also Saturday, the five detainees left Guantanamo aboard a U.S. military aircraft flying to Qatar, which served as go-between in the negotiations. They are

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Official: 6 climbers likely died in mountain fall



Visitors hike through the snow at the trails that start from Mount Rainier's Paradise Visitor Center, on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Six climbers are presumed dead after officials say they likely fell thousands of feet in the worst alpine accident on the mountain in decades.

**RACHEL LA CORTE
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MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Washington (AP)**

— Mount Rainier National Park officials said that due to dangerous conditions there are no immediate plans to recover the bodies of six climbers who likely fell thousands of feet to their deaths in the worst alpine accident on the Washington state mountain in decades.

Continuous ice and rock falls make the area too dangerous for rescuers, and "there's no certainty that recovery is possible given the location," park spokeswoman Patti Wold said. The area will be checked periodically by air in the coming weeks and months, she added.

Park officials believe the group fell 3,300 feet (1,000 meters) from their last known whereabouts of 12,800 feet (3,900 meters) on Liberty Ridge.

"It's inconceivable that anyone survived that," Wold said Sunday. It's unknown whether a rock fall, avalanche or other factors caused their fall, she said, adding that "we don't even know if they were moving or if they were camping."

Glenn Kessler, the park's acting aviation manager, said "they are most likely buried," making recovery efforts even more challeng-

ing. "We may or may not be able to recover them." Officials have not released the names of those who died, but friends and others on Sunday gathered at the 14,410-foot (4,392-meter) glaciated peak about 90 miles (145 kilometers) south-east of Seattle.

Rob Mahaney told The Associated Press that his 26-year-old nephew, Mark Mahaney, of St. Paul, Minnesota, was among those presumed dead. He said the climber's father and brother flew to Seattle on Saturday after learning what happened.

"He just loved to climb, he loved the outdoors, he loved the exhilaration of being in the wide-open," Rob Mahaney said. "Even as a toddler he was always climbing out of his crib. His parents couldn't keep him anywhere — he'd always find a way to get out of anything."

A helicopter crew on Saturday spotted camping and climbing gear in the avalanche-prone area. Air and ground searches were suspended late Saturday afternoon.

"It's a sad day at Mount Rainier," park superintendent Randy King said Sunday.

The missing group includes four clients of Seattle-based Alpine Ascents International and two guides. They were due to return from the mountain on Friday. When

(AP Photo/Rachel La Corte) they did not return, the climbing company notified

park officials.

Gordon Janow, the guiding service's programs director, did not release information about the climbers on Sunday, and said that would come from park officials.

The group was on a five-day climb of the Liberty Ridge route, one of the more technical and advanced routes up the mountain.

The climbers had to meet certain prerequisites, and their ice and technical climbing skills as well as their biography were evaluated by a three-person team, Janow said.

Alpine Ascents also lost five Nepalese guides in a deadly avalanche on Mount Everest in April. The avalanche that swept down a climbing route on the world's highest peak killed 16 Sherpa guides. □

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Sensing Tea Party weakness, mainline Republicans flex muscles

JONATHAN MARTIN

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NEW ORLEANS - Tea Party thunder fills the Hilton Riverside ballroom with denunciations of President Barack Obama and criticism of congressional Republicans for not being tough enough on him. The atmosphere has the energetic but hostile tone that helped propel conservatives to success in 2010.

Yet outside of this hermetic setting, where the Republican Leadership Conference was meeting this weekend, the political reality was sharply different: Incumbents are fending off Tea Party challengers in primary after primary, and the establishment is reasserting itself as the party's center of gravity.

The ultimate test of its strength will come Tuesday in Mississippi, where Sen. Thad Cochran, a 76-year-old master of pork-barrel spending who is seeking a seventh term, will face a challenge from state Sen. Chris McDaniel, who has attracted support from Sarah Palin, Rick Santorum and an array of conservative groups.

After the Mississippi results are in, Tea Party-aligned forces will have little opportunity to upend mainline Republicans, or even throw them much of a scare.

That 2014 has been the year that the establishment struck back - preparing and financing its candidates with a new determination and focus - is evident in its success.

That may prove to have been the easy part. Republicans on both sides of the internal divide are now looking at the impact the primary season will have on politics and governance as the party seeks to build on its House majority and take control of the Senate this year and win back the White House in 2016.

Emboldened by their success, establishment Republicans are using tough language about the party's more conservative groups. They are suggesting that the federal government shutdown last fall - led by hard-liners like Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas - and this year's primary results have staggered the organizations claiming the Tea Party mantle.

"This is a bunch of out-of-state political gunslingers who have crowned themselves as the leaders of Tea Party Republicanism and are raising money in the name of a more conservative party and spending it all attacking Republicans," former Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi said in an interview at the meeting

here.

"If in 2016 we don't have these people raising millions of Republican dollars and using it to attack Republicans, then we'll be stronger against the Democrats for president and for keeping the House and for

creasing his margins, he'll have a more manageable caucus, and governing will be back front and center," Reed said.

Yet even as many Republicans predict a new season of more pragmatic conservatism, elements of

Perhaps the most telling sign that both blocs of the Republican Party are looking toward the general election came last week when the Club for Growth, the best financed of the conservative groups, began broadcasting com-



William Temple, a Tea Party activist, listens to Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal speak at the Republican Leadership Conference in New Orleans, May 29, 2014. After establishment candidates won a series of primaries this year, Republican leaders are considering tough tactics to head off further attacks from the Tea Party.
(Edmund D. Fountain/The New York Times)

hopefully keeping the Senate," said Barbour, who was one of the few speakers at the meeting to urge party unity.

The most significant effect of the party turnabout could take place well before 2016, though. If Republicans now in office conclude that Tea Party pressure is no longer a political threat, they may be more willing to face down the right on issues like an overhaul of immigration laws.

"If the threats are toothless then the scorecards are meaningless," said Barbour, referring to the closely watched voter guides issued by many conservative groups.

Scott Reed, a political strategist for the newly aggressive U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said that such ratings now amount to "hollow threats" and that the success of the party's mainstream wing would give Speaker John A. Boehner of Ohio some room to maneuver in the House.

"If Speaker Boehner in-

the right are warning party leaders in Washington that they should not misread the election results so far.

"If we do win the majority, they better use it responsibly and they better use it aggressively," said Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, who is considering a presidential bid. "If they get complacent, if they just end up being a cheap version of the Democratic Party, there's going to be a fierce backlash."

Matt Bevin, who challenged Sen. Mitch McConnell in the Kentucky primary and was thrashed by 25 percentage points, said the primaries had sent an important message to party leaders: "You will be challenged within your ranks."

Bevin predicted that congressional Republicans would be less likely to tack to the middle now. But the fact that Republicans from both wings are now speaking in the future tense underscores the degree to which the intraparty struggle appears to have been settled for the moment.

mercials for Republican Senate candidates in Alaska and Arkansas that took aim at the Democratic incumbents there.

"We think those races are necessary for Republicans to take the Senate majority," said Chris Chocola, the Club for Growth's president. He added that his group's "bigger concern" was how Republicans would govern if they controlled the Senate.

Even the Senate Conservatives Fund, which led the charge against McConnell and has been among the most aggressive of the outside groups, seems to be looking to the horizon.

"Primaries are good because they give voters choices and they hold politicians accountable, but once the primaries are over, it's important for Republicans to come together to defeat the Democrats," said Matt Hoskins, executive director of the group, adding that it had started to "to build a farm team of conservatives for higher office in the future." □

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In Obama's speeches, a shifting tone on terror

MARK LANDLER

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WASHINGTON - Few leaders place more weight than President Barack Obama on the power of the spoken word to clarify a messy world. But after 5 1/2 years and dozens of speeches - most recently at West Point last week - the trail of Obama's pronouncements has grown muddier.

Speaking to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy, Obama said, "For the foreseeable future, the most direct threat to America, at home and abroad, remains terrorism." A year ago, speaking at the National Defense University here, the president said of the post-9/11 war on terrorism, "this war, like all wars, must end."

Accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 2009, Obama said, "There will be times when nations, acting individually or in concert, will find the use of force not only necessary but morally justified." On Wednesday at West Point, he said, "Since World War II, some of our most costly mistakes came not from our restraint but from our willingness to rush into military adventures without thinking through the consequences."

By themselves, these statements are not contradictory. And White House officials insist that the policies laid out in his speeches, whether on the use of force or the nature of the terrorist threat, are rigorously consistent. But Obama's tone has shifted radically, depending on his audience and the context.

Taken together, the speeches offer a portrait of a president whose ambivalence about the wisdom of military action has only

deepened since he took office, even as his view of the world's dangers has darkened.

In Oslo 4 1/2 years ago, the president was justifying to an audience of diplomats and Nobel laureates his decision a week earlier to send 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan. At West Point last week, he was giving marching orders to the newest class of Army officers a day after announcing that the last U.S. soldier would leave Afghanistan by the end of 2016.

At the National Defense University last year, Obama was explaining how he planned to pull the largely covert war on terrorism out of the shadows. Last week, he was telling West Point's cadets to expect an enduring terrorist threat different from the one that graduates faced in the decade after the September 2001 attacks.

"These speeches are all very consistent in how they approach national security," said Benjamin J. Rhodes, a deputy national security adviser who had a major role in writing all of them. "What's different is the time and context where they were given."

Rhodes said Obama's diagnosis of the threat as an arc of militancy stretching from the Middle East to Africa was nearly identical last week and a year ago. His criteria for the use of force - unilaterally, when the nation's interests are directly at risk; multilaterally, in the case of humanitarian crises - were unchanged from 2009.

"We're simply in a different moment in time," Rhodes said. But it is a different moment for the president as well. He has learned that even 100,000 U.S. troops

were not enough to save Afghanistan from the predations of the Taliban. He

Benghazi, intervention could not save Libya from becoming a violent, cha-



President Barack Obama makes his way to the stage during a commencement ceremony at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Laying out his foreign policy vision in a speech to graduating cadets, Obama said that the U.S. can still play a vital role in international affairs without resorting to unilateral force or retreating to isolationism.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

has learned that while NATO airstrikes could avert a slaughter of civilians in

otic failing state. At the same time, he is also acknowledging more

readily an argument his critics began making a year ago: that his crippling of al-Qaida in Afghanistan and Pakistan did not vanquish the terrorist threat; it simply moved to a more diffuse set of actors in a new theater.

In his second term, a time that presidents typically set about cementing their legacies as statesmen, Obama has instead settled on a minimalist foreign policy - one that he laid out at West Point and sums up with a saltier version of the phrase, "don't do stupid stuff."

"There is a fundamental and profound distinction between this speech and the earlier speeches," said David J. Rothkopf, the publisher of Foreign Policy magazine. □







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Environmental groups strengthen political operations

MICHAEL WINES

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ST. LOUIS - When the police arrested seven students at Washington University in St. Louis recently after a crowd of protesters sought to crash a board of trustees meeting, leaders of the environmental movement were thrilled.

The students were demanding the resignation of one of the board's members: Gregory H. Boyce, the chairman of Peabody Energy Corp., the nation's largest coal company and one of the most ardent corporate opponents of efforts to address global warming. They also repre-

sented the face of a new activism that the nation's largest environmental groups are encouraging to revive a climate-change movement that seemed stalled not so long ago.

Like their student confederates, the so-called big green groups are mounting their own climate-change campaign this spring, and it looks nothing like the failed efforts of the recent past.

What was a scattering of lawyers, lobbyists and policy analysts with the same goal but no agenda has become a united front, leaders of the groups say. Major organizations like the

Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council have strengthened their political operations and grass-roots networks, and they have raised and spent more money than ever before.

Most striking, perhaps, the groups intend to make global warming an issue in some of this fall's hardest-fought political campaigns - a calculation that conservatives who say climate change poses no

environmental groups and linked to 60 more. Created in 2009 during a failed lobbying effort for climate-change legislation, the coalition was "renovated from bottom to top" after the 2010 midterm elections



Elayna Levin, left, and Georgia McCandlish were among seven students arrested at a protest demanding the resignation of a coal industry executive from Washington University's board of trustees, in Clayton, Mo. Strident activism is a key component of changing tactics from an environmental movement that has grown more unified in recent years.

(Dan Gill/The New York Times)

Members whose activism had been limited mostly to paying their annual dues have been marshaled by the groups for a number of efforts, like demonstrating in Washington, dogging members of Congress on home leave and blitzing the Environmental Protection Agency with emails and letters. "The national environmental groups said, 'We need to do more in-your-face activism,'" said Gene Karpinski, the president of the League of Conservation Voters. "You can't just lobby members of Congress with a poll that says people support you."

threat have overplayed their hand. An example of the retooled strategy will debut Monday, when the Obama administration will issue a draft regulation sharply limiting emissions of global-warming gases from existing coal-burning power plants. Anticipating furious opposition from congressional Republicans and coal-state Democrats, environmental groups plan to rally support for the regulation using a campaign created by the Climate Action Coalition - a coordinating body with its own staff and consultants, formed by 10 leading en-

to bolster it for continuing climate-change battles, said Wesley Warren, head of the Policy Advocacy Center at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Most recently the coalition oversaw a campaign, completed in May, that spurred 4 million people to send comments to the Environmental Protection Agency supporting a proposal to limit emissions from new coal-burning power plants. The new campaign, which will reprise the comment drive, will be backed by millions in advertising on cable television and online. □

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Hagel spars with China over Asia territory dispute

SINGAPORE (AP) — China's aggressive moves to claim jurisdiction over land and sky in the Asia-Pacific risk undermining peace and security in the region and beyond, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Saturday. Beijing scoffed at the "groundless" charges. Hagel told an international security conference that the United States "will not look the other way" when China and others try to restrict navigation or ignore international rules and standards.

China's territorial claims in the South China Sea are destabilizing the region, he said, adding that Beijing's failure to resolve such disputes threatens East Asia's long-term progress.

A Chinese general took issue with Hagel's comments, saying that "although I do think that those criticisms are groundless, I do appreciate your candor."

Lt. Gen. Wang Guan-zhong, deputy chief of the General Staff, told Hagel during a brief meeting after the defense secretary's speech, "You were very candid this morning and, to be frank, more than our expectation."

Reporters were taken from the meeting room before Hagel responded. But Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said Hagel told Wang that all regional disputes should be solved through diplomacy, and Hagel encouraged China to foster dialogue with neighboring nations.

As he did in 2013, Hagel used his appearance at the Shangri-La conference to single out China for cyberespionage against the U.S. □

Israel PM wants Palestinian government isolated

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister on Sunday urged the world to shun the emerging Palestinian unity government due to its ties to the Hamas militant group, rejecting Palestinian pledges that it will be a government of technocrats that will accept peace agreements with Israel and eschew violence. The comments by Benjamin Netanyahu set the stage for what is likely to be a tough battle for international opinion in the coming weeks. While Israel has made clear it will reject the new government, the reactions of the European Union and United States, which send the Palestinians hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year, will be critical in determining whether it can survive and whether Israel will be forced to deal with it.

Addressing his Cabinet Sunday, Netanyahu said the Palestinian government will "strengthen terrorism."

"Hamas is a terrorist organization that calls for the destruction of Israel and the international commu-

nity must not embrace it," he said.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said over the weekend that he formally will present the new government on Monday, a move meant to end a

been divided between two governments since Hamas wrested control of the Gaza Strip from Abbas' forces in 2007, leaving the president in charge only of autonomous areas of the West Bank.

ian state. The Palestinians seek the West Bank and Gaza, along with Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, for their state. Israel captured the three areas in the 1967 Mideast war.

Repeated attempts at



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, second right, speaks during a cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Sunday, June 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Dan Balilty)

seven-year rift between his Fatah movement and Hamas.

The Palestinians have

The rift is deeply unpopular among Palestinians, and presents a serious obstacle to establishing a Palestin-

reconciliation have failed in the past, and officials reported last-minute haggling on Sunday. □

Jet bombs Islamists' base in Libya's Benghazi

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A Libyan air force jet bombed positions held by Islamic militants Sunday in the eastern city of Benghazi, a senior military official said, apparently as part of a renegade general's ongoing offensive.

The official said the bombing targeted a base belonging to a local militia group called February 17 and the area of Sidi Faraj, where members of the ex-

tremist organization Ansar al-Shariah are located.

An official from Ansar al-Shariah said no one was hurt in the bombing and claimed that one of two rockets fired by the aircraft hit a car dealership.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists. The aircraft apparently launched the attack on behalf of a renegade

general leading a military campaign against Islamists dominating Libya's political scene. Gen. Khalifa Hifter has vowed to crush the Islamists and many military units back him.

Hifter claims to have more than 75 percent of Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, under his control. He also says he is getting help from moderate Islamists who were breaking away from their militias and join-

ing his forces. The eastern city was the birthplace of the 2011 uprising that toppled dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

The 70-year-old Hifter is based in Benghazi, where he has been leading an armed revolt since late last month in what is perhaps the biggest challenge yet to Libya's weak central government and fledgling security forces since Gadhafi's ouster. □

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Egypt stock market tanks on new taxes

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's stock market witnessed a sharp plunge Sunday that forced a temporary sus-

continuing to slide after trading was suspended after the broader EGX100 index fell by 5 percent. Egyptian Finance Minister Hany Kadry Dimian an-

wasn't clearly explained or discussed, causing the "extreme reaction" in the market.

"A lot of brokerage firms had no response to their clients" on how the law will be imposed, when it will take effect or how to calculate the tax, he said. "This is a case of total chaos."

Ziada said the gains from such a tax don't justify the "damage" that occurred in the market because it will be a challenge to collect it. The Exchange said in a statement Sunday the law has been sent to the interim president for approval.

"In my view, until we see the law and if this is the way decisions will be taken going forward, there will be damages," Ziada said.

A dozen Egyptian investors gathered outside the exchange Sunday to protest the law.

"We came here to protest those random decisions by the government," said Aly Youssef, one of the investors. "Investors have lost huge amounts due to those random decisions."

The sharp drop also followed Egypt's presidential election last week, which saw retired army chief Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, who led the July military overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, reportedly trounce his only competitor. Official results are expected in the coming days.

"Following Egypt's elections, we expected a positive impact on the stock exchange. We predicted that benchmark will exceed the 9,000-point mark but the proposed draft tax ... had a negative impact on the benchmark," said Amir Youssef, a stock exchange broker. □



Egyptian traders work at the stock market in Cairo, Egypt. On Sunday, June 1, 2014, Egypt's benchmark index plunged, with a temporary suspension of trading failing to cool a frenzy of selling by investors panicked by a newly proposed government tax on capital gains. (AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

pension of trading after reports of a newly proposed government tax on capital gains which experts said was hardly explained to investors.

The half-hour suspension on the first day of the trading week at the Egyptian Exchange failed to cool a frenzy of selling by investors. The EGX30 benchmark index closed 4.22 percent lower, or at 7,894.7 points,

nounced the new tax on capital gains Thursday, sparking the market slide. He said the government will impose a 10-percent tax on net realized portfolio profits at the end of the year. Stock market profits are currently tax-free.

Wael Ziada, the head of research at EFG Hermes, one of the Middle East's largest investment banks, said the proposed law



Alexander Borodai, right, prime-minister of the self-declared Donetsk People's Republic, speaks with an associate in Donetsk, Ukraine, May 30, 2014.

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Russian Nationalist splinters Ukraine as Kremlin observes

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DONETSK, Ukraine - Not long ago, Alexander Borodai, a fast-talking Muscovite with a stylish goatee, worked as a consultant for an investment fund in Moscow. Today he is prime minister of the self-declared Donetsk People's Republic, zipping around town in a black SUV with tinted windows and armed guards and commanding what he says are hundreds of fighters from Russia. Borodai is Russian, but he says he has come to eastern Ukraine out of a surge of patriotism and a desire to help Russian speakers here protect their rights. As for the Kremlin, he says, there's no connection. "I'm an ordinary citizen of Russia, not a government worker," said Borodai, 41, whose face crinkles easily into a smile. "A lot of people from Russia are coming to help these people. I am one of them."

The Cold War-style stand-off over Ukraine may have subsided for now. President Vladimir Putin of Russia has drawn his troops back from the border and has promised to work with Ukraine's new government. But the shifting reality here in eastern Ukraine suggests the

crisis has simply entered a new phase. In contrast to Crimea, which was seized by Russian troops in unmarked uniforms this spring, eastern Ukraine is evolving into a subtle game in which Russian freelancers shape events and the Kremlin plausibly denies involvement.

The central government building that Borodai's forces now control is festooned with a slick, Hollywood-style banner featuring Borodai's friend, Igor Strelkov, a Russian citizen who is a rebel leader in the stronghold of Sloviansk. And on Thursday, rebel leaders shipped 33 coffins back to Russia through a remarkably porous border, announcing that the overwhelming majority of those killed in Monday's battle with the Ukrainian army were Russian citizens.

Putin may not be directing these events, but he is certainly their principal beneficiary. Borodai is a central figure in Ukraine's immediate future. He may seem to have come out of nowhere, but in Russia he is a known quantity. He comes from a group of ultranationalists who were part of the far-right Zavtra newspaper in the 1990s. □

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Hong Kong holds march to remember Tiananmen

HONG KONG (AP) — Thousands of people marched through downtown Hong Kong on Sunday to remember the bloody crackdown on the Tiananmen Square protests in Beijing, days before the 25th anniversary of the tumultuous event.

The demonstrators marched from a large park to Hong Kong government headquarters, while a separate group continued on to the Chinese central government's liaison office.

They renewed their long-standing demand for China's Communist Party to overturn its official verdict that the protests that ended in bloodshed on the night of June 4, 1989, were a "counterrevolutionary riot."

One protester dressed up in a tank costume to evoke the memory of "Tank Man," the unnamed man who was famously photographed standing up to a line of tanks.

Twenty-five years later, Beijing still has not given an official account of the crackdown on the protests, which killed hundreds of people, if not more. The topic remains taboo in mainland China.

Police said up to 1,900 people took part in Sunday's march, according to broadcaster RTHK. Organizers said 3,000 people participated.

The protest march was a prelude to an annual candlelight vigil that will be held Wednesday to remember the victims. Attendance at the vigil, which usually attracts tens of thousands of people, is expected to be higher than usual because it's the 25th anniversary. □

In China;

A deliberate amnesia about 1989 crackdown

JOE McDONALD

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Remember June 4, Shi Shusi asked the 1.5 million readers of his popular microblog last year. Moments later, his postings were erased. A note from the microblog operator said they were "inappropriate publicity." This year, a discouraged Shi hasn't posted anything about the anniversary of the 1989 crackdown that crushed pro-democracy protests at a cost of hundreds of lives.

"Major media treat it as if it never happened," said Shi. "Fewer and fewer young people get to know this issue. There is no opportunity to discuss it nowadays."

Communist leaders have spent 25 years making sure of that. Far from easing off as China went through three changes of ruling party leadership and a revolution in social media, a relentless campaign aimed at erasing public memory of the most tumultuous event of the past three decades has been steadily updated and tightened.

1989 is hardly the only taboo for the ruling party. Tibet, Taiwan, the Falun Gong spiritual movement — all are subject to limits on what newspapers, bloggers and others are allowed to say. But even among the most explosive topics, 1989 stands out. Almost any mention is prohibited.

"June 4th is especially sensitive not only because of potential criticism for the government but because people can use it as a jumping-off point to bring people together," said Jason Q. Ng, a researcher at the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab who follows Chinese efforts to censor

Internet content.

"That is even more terrifying to them," he said.

After the crackdown ordered by then-supreme leader Deng Xiaoping, communist leaders tried briefly to convince a skeptical Chinese public that

not talk about this at all."

The upheaval cut short a trend in the late 1980s toward the ruling party allowing state-controlled media more freedom.

Then-party leader Zhao Ziyang had told regulators to ease press controls, which

sity. "The notion was that you have to control public opinion through media control to maintain social and political stability."

Commentators who hoped the rise of satellite TV, the Internet and social media would loosen the party's



Chinese school children pose for a group photo after performing a ceremony at the Monument to the People's Heroes on Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China. Communist leaders have spent 25 years making sure there is no opportunity to discuss the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown that crushed pro-democracy protests at a cost of hundreds of lives. Far from easing off as China went through three changes of ruling party leadership and a revolution in social media, a relentless campaign aimed at erasing public memory of the most tumultuous event of the past three decades has been steadily updated and tightened. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

violence against unarmed protesters was necessary to prevent a national disaster. Leaders tried to evoke fear of a return to the chaos of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, when radicals ravaged the country. State TV showed rowdy pro-democracy protesters and restrained soldiers. Spokespeople rejected reports of unarmed protesters being killed as anti-Chinese propaganda.

"People just didn't buy that," said Jeffrey Wasserstrom, a historian at the University of California, Irvine, who studies Chinese student protest movements. "They had to stop telling that story and say, 'Let's

he said would "make things better." Newspapers responded by reporting on public frustration at corruption and social controls.

After the crackdown, Deng fired Zhao and replaced him with Jiang Zemin. He presided over a new strategy — "correct guidance of public opinion." It set the tone for pervasive controls over the next three decades as readers shifted from newspapers to websites to smartphones.

The Tiananmen crackdown "is absolutely crucial to understanding the way press censorship works today," said David Bandurski, editor of the China Media Project at Hong Kong Univer-

monopoly on power were disappointed. As millions of Chinese went online and acquired smartphones, Beijing spent heavily to develop high-tech filters.

The size and cost of official censorship efforts is secret but China is believed to operate the world's most extensive system of monitoring and filters.

Each year ahead of June 4, mobile phone users engage in a cat-and-mouse competition with telecom carriers as they try to find new code words to evoke the anniversary in messages — such as calling the date May 35th — while censors try to detect and block them. □

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Coffee rust reaches new heights in Central America

**MOISES CASTILLO
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Associated Press
FRAIJANES, Guatemala**

(AP) — For years, Hernan Argueta's small plot of coffee plants seemed immune to the fungus spreading elsewhere in Central America. The airborne disease that strikes coffee plants, flecking their leaves with spots and causing them to wither and fall off, failed to do much damage in the cooler elevations of Guatemala's mountains. Then, the weather changed.

Temperatures warmed in the highlands and the yellow-orange spots spread to Argueta's plants. Since the warming trend was noted in 2012, the 46-year-old farmer said his family went from gathering a dozen 100-pound (45-kilogram) sacks of coffee beans each month to just five.

Now, Argueta is among the region's thousands of coffee farmers fighting the fungus called "coffee rust" in hopes they'll continue to supply the smooth-flavored, aromatic Arabica beans enjoyed by coffee lovers around the world. But with no cure for the fungus, and climate conditions expected to encourage its spread, they are bracing for a long, hard battle to survive.

Argueta, like many farmers, is replacing his old trees with new coffee plants that better resist the rust, and cutting back existing trees in the hope they'll spring new foliage. It will be two to three years, however, before the new plants produce the bright red cherries that hold the valuable beans. Argueta has had to seek out construction jobs to get by. "Now we have had to find other lines of work," he said.

Coffee rust first hit Central America in the 1970s. For decades, coffee growers simply coped with the blight and lower yields. But as rust spread to the highlands, the problem demanded action. Last year, Guatemala declared a national emergency, with officials estimating rust had affected 70 percent of the

prompted growers to adopt new measures, such as "stumping," the practice of pruning trees of all infected vegetation in hopes of encouraging them to regrow with greater vibrancy. They are also using fungicides and installing shade covers, which appear to help keep the fungus at bay.

None of that will make rust go away, however.

"It's an issue of managing it, controlling it," Dominguez Mendez said. "We have lived with rust for 30 years, and we will continue living with it for as long as we are around."

In El Salvador, Claudia Herrera de Calderon worries over her family inheritance,



A man carries wood as he cleans a coffee plantation in Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala. The region's thousands of coffee farmers are fighting a fungus called "coffee rust" but with no cure for the fungus, and climate conditions expected to encourage its spread, they are bracing for a long, hard battle to survive.
(AP Photo/Moises Castillo)

nation's crop.

In neighboring El Salvador, the rate of infection is 74 percent, according to the London-based International Coffee Organization. In Costa Rica, it's 64 percent; in Nicaragua, 37 percent; and in Honduras, 25 percent.

In its April report, the ICO said the average price for coffee hit a two-year high — more than US\$1.70 per pound — as market watchers worried about production in Brazil, where severe drought is affecting the world's largest coffee crop, and an El Nino weather pattern is expected to further hurt supply across the region.

The spread of rust has

Rust also has hit farms in Southern Mexico, which produces much of the region's shade-grown coffee, and where the government is leading a sweeping replanting project.

"We have old, unproductive coffee plantations that haven't been pruned. In some case they're 40 years old," said Belisario Dominguez Mendez, who heads up coffee issues for Mexico's Agriculture Department. "Coffee rust is a good pretext to transform the coffee industry in Mexico," he said, noting the government intends to replace about 20 percent of coffee plants each year, hoping to have them all replaced within five years.

two large coffee farms high in the mountains near the Guatemalan border. She has been stumping plants on the two parcels, which total about 500 hectares (1,200 acres) and spraying fungicides. But it's not enough.

"Even if you cut them back, the problem is that with the climate changes we are seeing — the rains, the droughts, the rust — basically, we are looking at the need to replant everything," Herrera de Calderon said.

With little government help, and her farms falling below the break-even point, she has had to lay off workers and lacks the funds needed to replant. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Jailed Venezuela police chief ending his hunger strike

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A former police chief whose decade-long imprisonment has been taken up as a cause by Venezuela's opposition is ending a hunger strike after five days. Ivan Simonovis is serving a 30-year sentence for aggravated murder related to his role in the death of pro-government protesters who rushed to the defense of then-President Hugo Chavez in a failed 2002 coup. His wife sent a message on Twitter saying that the 53-year-old will suspend his hunger strike Sunday but isn't giving up his fight to be released on humanitarian grounds. The decision comes a day after a judge ruled that Simonovis' health is stable. □

19 alleged abuse victims denounce Mexican priest

MEXICO CITY (AP)

— Nineteen people have filed a criminal complaint alleging they were sexually abused by a now-suspended Mexican priest. The group Citizens Initiative is backing the complainants, and it says they filed the complaint on Friday with prosecutors in the central Mexican state of San Luis Potosi, where priest Eduardo Cordova worked. Initiative spokesman Martin Faz says the complaint also accuses the local archdiocese of covering up the crimes, saying it knew of the abuses since 2004. Designated archdiocese spokesman Armando Martinez says a probe of the charges in 2008 turned up insufficient evidence. However the church this year suspended Cordova from the ministry following new complaints and Martinez says evidence has been forwarded to prosecutors. □



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Jimmie Johnson celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race, Sunday, June 1, 2014, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

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Johnson builds track on record with 9th Dover win

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Delaware (AP) — Jimmie Johnson dominated again at Dover International Speedway, extending his track victory record to nine.

He followed last week's victory in the Coca-Cola 600 with another sensational run in a race red-flagged for 22 minutes because of a pothole in the concrete track.

Johnson led 272 of 400 laps, and won consecutive races for the 13th time. The six-time Cup champion swept Dover in 2002 and 2009 and won races in 2005, 2010, 2012 and 2013. Brad Keselowski was second, followed by Matt Kenseth, Clint Bowyer and Denny Hamlin.

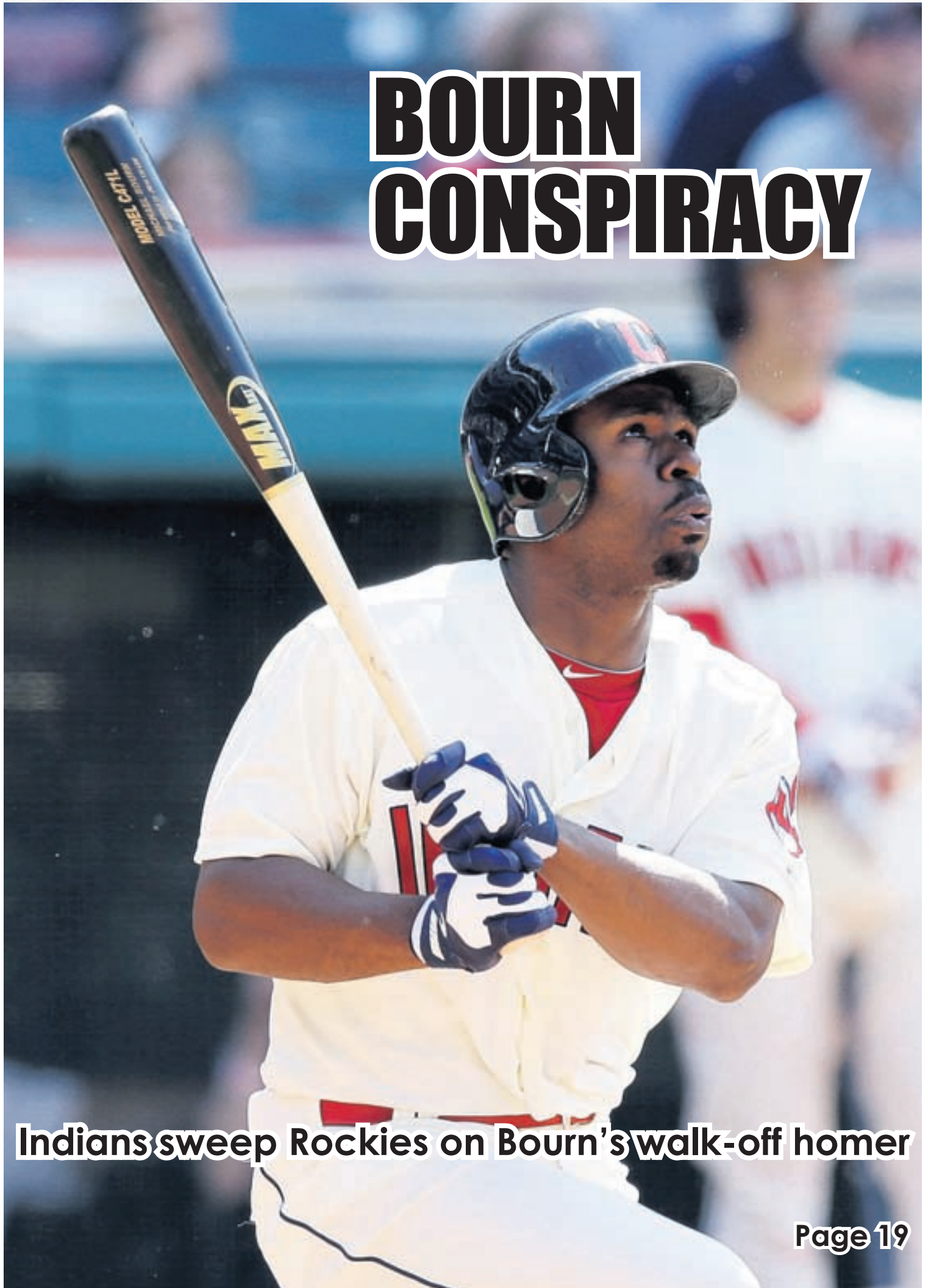
"For sure, when you come to Dover, it's always the 48," Kenseth said. "We've got to figure out how to get ahead of him."

Johnson also became Dover's career leader in laps led when he hit the 2,802 mark.

"It's incredible," Johnson said. "So much to be thankful for."

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BOURN CONSPIRACY



Indians sweep Rockies on Bourn's walk-off homer

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Cleveland Indians' Michael Bourn watches his ball after hitting a two-run home run off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Adam Ottavino during the ninth inning of a baseball game on Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Cleveland. Indians' Mike Aviles scored. The Indians defeated the Rockies 6-4.

Matsuyama wins Memorial in a playoff

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Hideki Matsuyama earned his first victory in America and validation as one of golf's young stars Sunday with birdie on the 18th hole to force a playoff and a 10-foot par putt on the first extra to win the Memorial. In a tournament that Masters champions Bubba Watson and Adam Scott threw away on a wild back nine, Matsuyama looked certain to join them.

He lost the lead by dropping three shots on two holes, and he didn't look like a winner when he pushed his drive toward the bunkers on the final hole. Lightly slamming his driver to the turf in disgust, the head broke off. Matsuyama followed with an approach to just outside 5 feet for birdie and a 3-under 69.

That forced a playoff with Kevin Na, who finished his round of 64 about two hours earlier.

Matsuyama chose not to replace his broken



Hideki Matsuyama, of Japan, hits from the sand on the second hole during the final round of the Memorial golf tournament, Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio
Associated Press

driver in the playoff, and his 3-wood went into the bunker. Na drove left into the creek and still had about 10 feet for bogey on the 18th hole in the playoff when Matsuyama made his par putt.

The 22-year-old from Japan pumped his fist as the ball was a few inches

from dropping.

"I'm really, really happy," Matsuyama said through his interpreter. "It's a dream come true to win at Mr. Nicklaus' course." Matsuyama won for the sixth time in his career, all of them on the Japan Golf Tour. He had a pair of top 10s in the majors last

year.

Tournament host Jack Nicklaus greeted him behind the 18th green. Nicklaus spent much of the back nine in the broadcast booth, and it was a brand of golf that was unfamiliar to golf's greatest champion. The Memorial became only the latest event where proven players faltered badly.

Watson, who started the final round with a one-shot lead, was still in control until a couple of wild tee shots — one into deep rough on the 14th that led to bogey, and one so far right on the par-5 15th that it went over the trees and into a neighborhood, far out-of-bounds. That led to double bogey and he never recovered. Watson closed with a 72 and finished one shot out of the playoff.

"It's tough," Watson said, who was going for his third win of the year. "I made one bad decision. If I hit 4-wood off the tee instead of driver on the par 5, we make 5 and we win by one. But I made double, so we lost by one."

Scott had a share of the lead after 11 holes and was poised for his second straight PGA Tour win. But he put his tee shot into the water on the par-3 12th for double bogey, took two shots to get out of a bun-

ker on the 14th for bogey, and then dropped another shot at the 15th when his wedge hit the pin and caromed back into the fairway. He closed with a 71 and tied for fourth with Chris Kirk (68).

"It's the way it goes," Scott said. "You get lucky breaks and you get bad ones."

Na was in the clubhouse at Muirfield Village, leaning against two pillows watching this collection of errors, even joking that he might win by sitting on a couch. He finally headed out to the range, but one swing into the water was too much to overcome.

The only consolation for Na was that his runner-up finish moved him high enough in the world ranking that he will be exempt for the U.S. Open. He had planned on going through 36-hole qualifying Monday.

Matsuyama was able to replace his driver because the playoff is not part of the final round. Instead, he chose to take 3-wood. It looked as if it might cost him when the shot was well back and caught the bunker. Na helped by finding the water.

Matsuyama's approach hit a fan left of the green, but he played a good chip and made the most important putt of his young career.

Matsuyama should rise to about No. 13 in the world ranking.

A two-time winner of the Asia-Pacific Amateur — he made the cut both times at the Masters as an amateur — he took a different route than Ryo Ishikawa by waiting to turn pro until a year ago. Matsuyama won once as an amateur, and he won in his pro debut in Japan. He graduated from college in Japan a few weeks before the Masters. Matsuyama had experience at Muirfield Village. He played in the Presidents Cup in October, teaming with Scott in four of the matches. □

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Bourn's walk-off homer gives Indians 6-4 win

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Michael Bourn's two-run homer in the ninth inning gave the Cleveland Indians a 6-4 win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday and a sweep of their three-game series. Bourn hit an 0-1 pitch into the right-field seats off Adam Ottavino (0-2). Mike Aviles singled and took second on George Kottaras' sacrifice before Bourn hit his second home run of the season.

Bourn raced around the bases and threw his helmet into the air as he was mobbed by his teammates at home plate. The walk-off win was Cleveland's fourth of the season.

Scott Atchison (2-0) worked around a two-out double in the ninth by striking out Charlie Blackmon to end the inning.

Colorado completed a 2-7 road trip and has lost four straight for the first time since last September.

TWINS 7, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Hughes pitched eight poised innings in his return to New York and wound up a winner when the Twins rallied past the Yankees behind big hits from Josh Willingham and Brian Dozier in a six-run ninth.

Willingham belted a tying homer on the first pitch from closer David Robertson, denying rookie Chase Whitley his first major league victory. Robertson (0-2) then walked two batters and gave up Dozier's two-out double, putting the Twins on top 3-2.

Eduardo Nunez, also let go by the Yankees, lined a two-run double on Matt Daley's first pitch. Oswaldo Arcia added a two-run single off Matt Thornton to make it 7-2, all but sealing Minnesota's second victory in the three-game series.

Hughes (6-1) held his former team to three hits — all in a row to begin the fourth — and retired his final 15 batters during his sixth straight win.

BLUE JAYS 4, ROYALS 0

TORONTO (AP) — Mark Buehrle pitched eight sharp innings to become baseball's first 10-game winner and Edwin Encarnacion

homered again as the Blue Jays beat the Royals.

Buehrle (10-1) won his sixth straight decision. He gave up six hits, walked one and struck out three.

He lowered his ERA to 2.10, second-best in the AL to New York's Masahiro Tanaka, and improved to 25-12 lifetime against the Royals.

Encarnacion, who matched Mickey Mantle's AL record with 16 home runs in May, started off a new month with another drive. He hit a two-run shot off Aaron Crow in the eighth for his 19th homer of the season.

Jeremy Guthrie (2-5) lost his fifth straight decision.

RED SOX 4, RAYS 0

BOSTON (AP) — Jon Lester pitched seven shutout innings and Brock Holt drove in two runs with one of his four doubles to lift the Red Sox to their seventh straight win, completing a three-game sweep over the reeling Rays.

Boston's streak follows a 10-game skid, its longest in 20 years. The Red Sox said that matches a major league record for consecutive wins after a double-digit losing stretch, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau.

The 1989 Detroit Tigers did it after losing 12 in a row, and the 1942 Pittsburgh Pirates also did it after dropping 10 straight.

Holt had his big day after hitting his first major league homer in Saturday night's win. Garin Cecchini added an RBI double for his first major league hit.

Evan Longoria had a pair of singles for the Rays, who dropped their season-high sixth straight. Tampa Bay owns the AL's worst record at 23-34.

ORIOLES 9, ASTROS 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Manny Machado hit his first career grand slam, and David Lough homered and drove in three runs as the Orioles beat the Astros.

Orioles slugger Nelson Cruz, leading the majors with 20 home runs and 52 RBIs, left in the third inning with a bruised left hand after being hit by a pitch from Scott Feldman. X-rays were negative and Cruz was listed as

day to day.

Machado's towering shot capped a six-run sixth inning.

The 21-year-old Machado missed the first month after offseason knee surgery and has struggled since his return, prompting manager Buck Showalter to move him from the second spot to seventh in the batting order. He was back to batting second on Sunday and had two hits for the second straight game, raising his average to .230. Wei-Yin Chen (6-2) got the win. Feldman (3-3) allowed nine runs in 5 1-3 innings.

ATHLETICS 6, ANGELS 3

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Jed Lowrie homered and drove in two runs against Oakland nemesis Jered Weaver as the Athletics completed a three-game sweep of the Angels. Josh Donaldson hit a two-run single and Coco Crisp and Lowrie added RBI hits in a four-run third inning against Weaver (6-4) to give the A's their first home sweep of at least three games against the Angels since June 29-July 1, 2004. □



Cleveland Indians' Mike Aviles scores on a game-winning two-run home run hit by Michael Bourn in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Cleveland. The Indians defeated the Rockies 6-4.

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Goalie Howard sets U.S. wins record vs Turkey

RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

HARRISON, N.J. (AP) — Tim Howard didn't need to do much in his record-breaking 54th win for the United States.

There were plenty of huge saves on other days along the way to passing Kasey Keller for the most victories by a U.S. goalkeeper. On Sunday, Howard didn't allow a goal in the first half of a 2-1 exhibition win over Turkey before Brad Guzan took over.

At age 35, Howard is signed through 2018 with Everton and may be the biggest reason the Americans can hope to advance through their daunting group at the World Cup.

"After every year (you) kind of take stock of things and re-motivate yourself, because it's long, hard years," he said.

The ravages of time don't show in his game. Howard had 15 shutouts — one off the Premier League lead — in 37 matches for the Toffees this season.

Sunday's exhibition in his



United States goalkeeper Tim Howard looks on before the start of an international soccer friendly against Turkey, Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Harrison, N.J. The U.S. won 2-1. Associated Press

home state of New Jersey was Howard's 99th appearance for the U.S. He needs one more to tie Tony Meola at an even 100, and three more to match Keller for the most by an American goalie. If Howard plays in Saturday's exhibition finale

against Nigeria in Jacksonville, Florida, he'd be on pace to break the record in Brazil.

The U.S. faces Ghana, Portugal and Germany at the World Cup, an underdog to get out of the group stage.

Asked how many more

wins he has in him, Howard chuckled and said, "Hopefully a few."

"Hopefully, in the next couple weeks," he added, "four, at least."

Keller's backup at the 2006 World Cup, Howard took over as the starter the next year and began

racking up the memorable moments.

Making eight saves to shut out Spain in the 2009 Confederations Cup semi-finals. Playing the second half after a painkiller injection for a kick to the ribs to preserve a 1-1 tie in the 2010 World Cup opener against England.

Howard has 54 wins, 28 losses and 15 ties in his career; Keller had 53 wins, 27 losses and 18 draws. No U.S. goalie had been the No. 1 for back-to-back World Cups since Meola two decades ago.

In April, Howard extended his contract with Everton an additional two years to keep him with the club through his 39th birthday. That also happens to be the year of the next World Cup. The grind of staying focused day after day after day adds to years of sustained excellence.

"Wanting to train every day, wanting to play every game. Not take days off," Howard said. "Then you pick your head up, and there you are 15 years later." □

Dover

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Johnson never left any doubt his No. 48 Chevrolet was the car to beat, the only drama coming when the race was stopped 160 laps into the race after Ryan Newman's car pulled up chunks of the track that kicked back and damaged Jamie McMurray's car. The race was soon stopped and crews weren't allowed to work on the cars.

McMurray's plea for an exception was denied.

More pieces of the track flew up and cracked a window on the pedestrian crossover bridge.

NASCAR officials and safety crews went to work on the potholes and applied a quick-drying concrete mix. Cup races were famously delayed by potholes at Martins-

ville in 2004 and the 2010 Daytona 500. McMurray won at Daytona in 2010.

"You knew it was going to get worse if someone didn't repair it," Keselowski said. "I thought the repair was pretty good. You could feel it a little bit."

Kevin Harvick might have wished for a longer delay. Harvick's lead at the red flag evaporated because of a flat tire not long after racing resumed and he fell two laps behind Johnson. Harvick worked his way back into a 17th-place finish.

Kyle Busch led the first 81 laps before Johnson passed him. Busch's bid for a tripleheader sweep at Dover would soon end when the No. 18 Toyota slammed into the outside wall. Bowyer moved into Busch's line, which caused him to wreck 124 laps into the race.

Busch won the Truck Se-



Jimmie Johnson drives during the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race, Sunday, June 1, 2014, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

ries race Friday and the Nationwide race Saturday. He has the only three-race sweep since NASCAR expanded to three national series in 1995, accomplishing the feat in 2010 at Bristol.

Busch, who did not talk

to the media, is 1 for 9 in Cup races after winning the first two in the same weekend.

Busch had some company in the garage. AJ Allmendinger turned into Greg Biffle and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. on Lap

135, which knocked out the Roush Fenway Racing teammates. Biffle, though, later returned to finish. "They were racing hard back there and he stuck it into a hole that maybe there wasn't room for," Biffle said. □

Duncan, James set to break their Finals tie

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) - Over the last 10 seasons, only one NBA player has been part of more wins than LeBron James.

His name is Tim Duncan.

Their numbers over that decade are incredibly similar. Duncan has appeared in 622 regular-season and playoff victories, James has played in 621. Duncan is shooting 50.2 percent from the field, James is shooting 50 percent. Duncan has won two championships with San Antonio during this 10-season stretch, James has two with Miami.

Plus, when facing each other in the NBA Finals, both has won one, lost one. Here comes the tiebreaker - a Finals rematch that will have high expectations.

Miami and San Antonio are the league's last two teams standing for the second consecutive year, their next chapter starting on the Spurs' home floor Thursday night. The Heat won a wild series last season for their second straight championship, needing a frantic rally to avoid elimination in Game 6 and then riding the strength of a 37-point, 12-rebound effort from James to top the Spurs in Game 7.

"I think our guys, they actually grew from the loss last year," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I call it for-

titude. I think they showed an unbelievable amount of fortitude. If I can compliment my own team humbly, to have that tough loss, especially the Game 6 and not have a pity party and come back this year and get back to the same position, I think that's fortitude." It's the league's first Finals rematch since Chicago and Utah played in 1997 and 1998.

The teams have actually played three times since last season's classic series ended, twice in the regular season, another being a preseason meeting in Miami where the Spurs acknowledged that the pain of losing Game 7 on that floor was still real.

Then again, it's almost like they wanted to feel that hurt at times. Popovich showed the Spurs clips of Games 6 and 7 early in training camp this season, not so much to open old wounds but rather speed up the healing process.

"We were just trying to put it away, just get over that part of it, learn from it, and move forward from there," said Duncan, a champion in 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2007.

Move forward, they did. San Antonio won 62 games in the regular season, the best record in the league. One of those wins was a 24-point romp over Miami, on the same floor where



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) shoots against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka in overtime of Game 6 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Saturday, May 31, 2014. San Antonio won 112-107 and advanced to the NBA Finals.

this series will start on Thursday.

The Heat know what wanting revenge feels like. They lost the 2011 NBA Finals to Dallas, then opened the following season on the Mavericks' floor and simply blew them away.

Heat forward Chris Bosh called it "extra motivation" for the Spurs.

"It's just something that we have to deal with, and we know that they're going to be very passionate, and they're going to play some good basketball," Bosh said. "So whoever we play, we just have to continue

to keep our approach the same and play good basketball."

While the Spurs were punching their ticket by ousting Oklahoma City from the West finals on Saturday night, the Heat were getting a day off. James was taking his kids to see X-Men. James Jones went to a home-improvement store for some supplies. Bosh insisted he was going to do as little as possible, and Heat coach Erik Spoelstra isn't summoning his team to practice again until Monday. By then, James will be locked in on the Spurs.

"It hasn't really hit us that much yet because I think we're in it," James said Friday night after Miami beat Indiana and clinched its fourth consecutive East championship. "I think it will once we're done and we're able to look back at what we were able to accomplish as players, as a franchise. I think that's when it will really hit us. We definitely don't take it for granted to be in this position."

So for the next few days, all the highlights of last year's finals will be played over and over again. □

WNBA Capsules White's shot at buzzer lifts Sun over Dream, 88-86

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Seimone Augustus had 25 points and the Minnesota Lynx remained unbeaten, holding off the San Antonio Stars 87-79 on Sunday.

Maya Moore had 18 points, Tan White added 17 and Lindsay Whalen had 11 points and 10 rebounds to help Minnesota (7-0) sweep the home-and-home series with San Antonio (3-4).

Jia Perkins scored 16 points, Becky Hammon added 15 points, Jayne Appel 11 and Danielle Robinson had 11 assists as the Stars suffered their first home loss.

Appel's layup pulled San Antonio to 82-79 with a minute remaining, but White followed with an alley-oop layup 16 seconds later on Augustus' assist to regain a five-point lead.

SUN 85, DREAM 76

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Rookie Chiney Ogwumike had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Renee Montgomery also had 18 points to help the Sun beat the Dream.

Allison Hightower added 13 points and six rebounds, and Kelsey Bone had 12 points for the Sun (2-5).

Tiffany Hayes led Atlanta (3-3) with 17 points, and Erika de Souza had 15 points and eight rebounds. Angel McCoughtry, the Dream's leading scorer, was 2 of 14 from the field and had seven points.

The Sun pulled away with a 16-4 run in the first half. Hightower began the run with a 3-pointer, followed by two free throws. Rookie Alex Thomas ended it with a three-point play to give Connecticut a 31-20 lead with 6:38 left in the half.

The Sun never trailed again. Bone's putback gave them



Connecticut's Katie Douglas, left, tangles with Atlanta's Swin Cash, right, during the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Uncasville, Conn.

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their biggest lead, 78-57 with over 5 minutes left.

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Federer loses to Gulbis in French Open's 4th round

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Everything appeared to be under control for Roger Federer, just like in the old days at Grand Slam tournaments. And then, suddenly, it wasn't.

One point from a two-set lead Sunday in the French Open's fourth round against 18th-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, Federer settled under a floating ball and prepared for what should have been a simple putaway. Except, suddenly, it wasn't. Federer sent a meek overhead toward Gulbis, who took advantage of the gaffe, ripping a backhand winner.

That was part of a four-point run that let Gulbis break serve and get very much back into the match, which he wound up winning 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 to end Federer's streak of nine consecutive quarterfinals at Roland Garros. "A lot of regrets," Federer said. "I just couldn't kind of figure it out."

It also served as the latest reminder that Federer, now 32 and a father of four, is no longer the nearly infallible force who made it to the closing days of major after major.



Russia's Maria Sharapova serves to Australia's Samantha Stosur during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, June 1, 2014.

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"He's Roger Federer," Gulbis said, "but he also gets tight."

Didn't used to be the case. Federer, a 17-time Grand Slam champion, had not left Roland Garros so soon since 2004, when he was beaten in the third round by Gustavo Kuerten.

After that decade-old setback, though, Federer was a quarterfinalist at a record 36 consecutive major tournaments, a streak that ended with a second-round loss at Wimbledon last year. Federer also put

together record Slam runs of 10 finals and 23 semifinals in a row.

Now he's bowed out before the quarterfinals at three of the last four majors. "I think it was the biggest, probably, win of my career," said Gulbis, who most certainly could have dispensed with the word "probably."

Addressing spectators who sang Federer's first name between points as a sign of support, Gulbis said: "I'm sorry I had to win. I know all of you like Roger."

The result fit with the topsy-turvy nature of this tournament: Both reigning Australian Open champions, No. 3 Stan Wawrinka and No. 2 Li Na, lost in the first round; No. 1 Serena Williams left in the second round.

Gulbis now plays No. 6 Tomas Berdych, who eliminated the last American man, No. 10 John Isner. In another quarterfinal, No. 2 Novak Djokovic will face No. 8 Milos Raonic. Wimbledon champion Andy Murray and No. 24 Fernando Verdasco finished off third-round victories in matches suspended Saturday night. In the women's quarterfinals, 2012 champion Maria Sharapova — who won the last nine games against Samantha Stosur on Sunday — will face 35th-ranked Garbine Muguruza, the 20-year-old Spaniard who stunned Williams last week, and No. 18 Eugenie Bouchard of Canada meets No. 14 Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain.

Gulbis last reached a major quarterfinal at the 2008 French Open. He's spoken openly about focusing more on enjoying the nightlife than perfecting his craft, and drew attention last week for saying he wouldn't encourage

his younger sisters to pursue professional tennis because a woman "needs to think about family, needs to think about kids."

The fourth-seeded Federer's resume includes the 2009 French Open title, and he was a four-time runner-up in Paris to Rafael Nadal. But Federer made an uncharacteristic 59 unforced errors and was broken twice while serving for a set.

That included at 5-3 in the second, when Federer flubbed that key overhead.

"I was lucky, I have to say," Gulbis said about that point.

Said Federer: "Things got tough from then on for, like, a half-hour for me."

He lost the last five points of the second-set tiebreaker, and then dropped the third set, too.

Another key moment came when Gulbis left the court with a trainer to take a medical timeout while trailing 5-2 in the fourth. As he walked out, Gulbis motioned to Federer, as if asking for permission to go. When Gulbis returned, some fans jeered and whistled at him, and he pointed to his lower back as if to say, "Hey, I was injured."

At his news conference, Federer alternated between sounding a little perturbed about the lengthy intermission — and resigned to the idea that what Gulbis did was within the rules.

"He didn't look hurt in any way," Federer said. "But if you can use it, you know, might as well do it."

After that break, the 25-year-old Gulbis displayed the powerful game that had many marking him as a future star when he was a teenager. He won 10 of the next 12 points, punctuating shots with exhales that sounded like growls, and tested Federer's backhand repeatedly.

In the last set, Gulbis raced to a 3-0 lead, thanks largely to Federer miscues. After one errant forehand, Federer swatted a ball in anger, a rare sign of exasperation from him. □



Colombia's Nairo Quintana poses for photographers as he holds the trophy after winning the Giro D'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, in Trieste, Italy, Sunday, June 1, 2014.

Associated Press

TRIESTE, Italy (AP) — Nairo Quintana showed why he's considered as cycling's next star by winning the Giro d'Italia on Sunday to follow his runner-up finish in last year's Tour de France. The 24-year-old climbing

specialist with the Movistar team won two stages and finished with a 2 minute, 58 second advantage over fellow Colombian Rigoberto Uran for his first Grand Tour victory.

"It's really emotional,"

Colombian climber Nairo Quintana wins Giro d'Italia

Quintana said. "I didn't think there would be so many Colombians here today. It was incredible seeing how much support and how many banners there were."

One such banner held aloft during the podium celebration with the Colombian flag on it read, "The Giro is ours. Gracias muchachos."

Fabio Aru, a 23-year-old Italian who is also considered a top rider for the future, finished third overall, 4:04 back.

Quintana took the pink jersey by winning the grueling 16th stage over the Gavia and Stelvio climbs then

also took the 19th leg, a mountain time trial.

Quintana finished second to Chris Froome in last year's Tour. While he isn't planning to enter the French race this year, he has designs on winning it next year.

"We need to look at our plans carefully," Quintana said. Slovenia's Luca Mezgec won the final stage in a mass sprint. The Giant-Shimano rider clocked 4 hours, 23 minutes, 58 seconds over the mostly flat 172-kilometer (107-mile) leg from Gemona del Friuli to Trieste, which concluded with eight laps of a city circuit. □

Google taking requests to censor results in Europe

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is accepting requests from Europeans who want to erase unflattering information from the results produced by the world's dominant search engine. The demands can be submitted on a Web page that Google opened late Thursday in response to a landmark ruling issued two weeks ago by Europe's highest court.

More than 12,000 requests to remove personal data were submitted within the first 24 hours after Google posted the forms, according to the company. At one point Friday, Google was getting 20 requests per minute.

Under the recent court decision, Europeans can now polish their online reputations by petitioning Google and other search engines to remove potentially damaging links to newspaper articles and other websites with embarrassing information about their past activities.

Google now finds itself in the prickly position of having to balance privacy concerns and "the right to be forgotten" against the principles of free expression and "the right to know."

It will also create a divide



this April 17, 2007 file photo, exhibitors of the Google company work on laptop computers in front of an illuminated sign of the Google logo at the industrial fair Hannover Messe in Hanover, Germany.

between how Google generates search results about some people in Europe and the rest of the world. For now at least, Google will only scrub personal information spanning a 32-nation swath in Europe. That means Googling the same person in the United States and dozens of other countries could look much different than it does from Europe.

Although the court ruling only applied to 28 countries in the European Union, Google is extending the "right to be forgotten" to

four other countries — Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. More than 500 million people live in the area affected by Google's potential purge of personal information from its European search results.

It's unclear when the whitewashing will begin. So far, Google has only said it will happen soon.

First, though, the Mountain View, California, company is trying to establish some guidelines to steer its censorship decisions.

To do that, Google is set-

ting up a seven-person advisory committee to navigate through the ethical shoals. The group includes Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt and David Drummond, the company's chief legal officer, as well as five outsiders. They are: Luciano Floridi, an information ethics philosopher at the Oxford Internet Institute; Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia's founder; Jose Luis Piñar, former director of Spain's Data Protection Authority; Peggy Valck, a privacy rights activist and director of the University

of Leuven law school; and Frank La Rue, a special United Nations representative specializing in free speech.

Google will designate another team of its employees to sift through the requests to remove personal information from search results and decide which have grievances that should be honored under the European court ruling. The company won't decide how many employees will be assigned to this task until it gets a better sense of how many removal requests are likely to pour in from Europe.

Depending on the volume, it could turn into a monumental headache, even for a company with the financial and technological resources of Google.

Investors so far haven't given any sign of being worried about the new realities facing Google in Europe. The company's most widely traded class of stock has climbed 6 percent since the European court issued its game-changing decision. The shares closed at \$571.65 Friday, leaving Google with a market value of about \$385 billion.

Europe is one of the biggest markets for the online ads that generate most of Google's revenue. □

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Elon Musk unveils spacecraft to ferry astronauts

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Associated Press

HAWTHORNE, California

(AP) — A company that has flown unmanned capsules to the Space Station unveiled a spacecraft designed to ferry up to seven astronauts to low-Earth orbit that SpaceX founder Elon Musk says will revolutionize access to space.

The cone-headed craft dubbed

Dragon V2 featured landing legs and a propulsion system designed to land the manned craft anywhere on land "with the accuracy of a helicopter," Musk said Thursday at the Southern California rocket builder's headquarters



near Los Angeles International Airport.

The technology would enable rapid reloading and reusability of the spacecraft, he said, noting that in the past rockets and space craft return to Earth in a fireball, rendering them unusable.

"This is extremely important for revolutionizing access to space because as long as we continue to throw away rockets and space crafts, we will never truly have access to space it'll

always be incredibly expensive," Musk said.

The white capsule also featured a sleek interior with swing-up computer screens at the control station, a two-level seating system to accommodate up to seven astronauts and large windows for them to marvel at Earth's curvature.

Since the shuttle fleet retired in 2011, NASA has depended on Russian rockets to transport astronauts to orbit and back, paying nearly \$71 million per seat. The space agency has said it wants U.S. companies to fill the void by 2017 and has doled out seed money to spur innovation. □

Elon Musk, right, unveils the SpaceX Dragon V2 spacecraft Thursday, May 29, 2014, in Hawthorne, Calif.

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Wealth Matters:

The Affluent Have an Increasing Interest in Private Equity

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As a young lawyer in New York, Robert Rich sometimes bought stocks based on tips he received while playing squash at the Yale Club. Most of them did not do well, so eventually he chose to put his money into mutual funds and focus on his work.

But then the itch for more control and the potential for bigger gains got the best of him and now, at 76, Rich has put nearly a fifth of his wealth into private equity - an illiquid, risky asset class with returns that range from double digits to a complete loss of principal.

In this, Rich has been at the vanguard of a wave of affluent do-it-yourselfers investing in private equity by buying into funds that focus on a sector of the economy or on direct investments in particular companies. They most often do this through self-directed individual retirement accounts - a type of account that can invest in nonpublic securities. These

accounts have been around since the 1970s and are typically used to invest in real estate.

But in the past five years, the custodians for self-directed IRAs report an increasing interest in private equity. Equity Trust, in Westlake, Ohio, said private equity now account-

ed for 10 to 15 percent of the \$12 billion it holds as a custodian. Pensco Trust Co., based in San Francisco, said 60 percent of new accounts in the past three years had been opened by people who wanted to invest in private equity.

Kelly Rodriques, chief executive and president of

Pensco, attributed the increase to the financial crisis. People left or lost jobs and converted their 401(k)s to retirement accounts, and many of them lost confidence in the stock market and became more interested in investing directly in companies.

"It's more comforting to be in a business or tangible asset that you know," Rodriques said.

While this may be comforting to certain people, it is not risk-free or easy to do successfully. People investing through self-directed retirement accounts do not have the staff to vet deals the way very wealthy investors do. Nor do they have hundreds of millions of dollars to lessen the sting of a loss.

Rodriques said his firm, which holds just less than \$11 billion as a custodian, focuses on people who are accredited investors - meaning, their annual income has exceeded \$200,000 for two consecutive years or they have assets greater than \$1 million, not including a primary residence. He said the average account was \$250,000.

Self-directed accounts are still a niche. Equity Trust said they accounted for only 2 percent of all money held in IRAs. But the growing interest in private equity shows a shift in some investors' mindset toward what Pensco calls "choose and control."

Today Rich, for example, has investments in separate funds invested in technology, health care and biotechnology as well as different financial strategies. His most recent investment was in a fund focused on hydraulic fracturing, or fracking - a controversial method for obtaining natural gas. The opportunity came to him like the others.

"The fracking fund was a man I had known for years," he said. "They gave me the opportunity to join it if I wanted to."

Jeffrey A. Desich, chief executive of Equity Trust, said his firm told clients it was up to them to make sure they understood the investment.

"Private equity provides a lot of opportunity, but one has to do their homework and understand what they're getting into," he said. □



Robert Rich, who has placed nearly a fifth of his wealth into private equity, in Denver. A wave of affluent do-it-yourselfers are investing in private equity by buying into funds that focus on a sector of the economy or on direct investments in particular companies.

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Annual Warren Buffett lunch auction officially begins

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Associated Press

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) —

Before billionaire businessman Warren Buffett started auctioning off private lunches to benefit the Glide Foundation, he was skeptical of the San Francisco charity where his first wife was volunteering. But once Susie Buffett, who died in 2004, showed Warren the work Glide does for the poor and homeless, he was sold on the organization — so much so that he's raised nearly \$16 million for the charity since 2000.

"It was one-on-one working with people society had given up on," Buffett said. "And experience showed society was wrong to give up on those people."

The 15th annual lunch auction started Sunday, June 2, 2014, with a

\$25,000 minimum bid on eBay, and continues until 9:30 p.m. CDT Friday (0230 GMT Saturday).

The lunch auction has become an important source of money for Glide, which has an \$18 million annual budget. Glide's co-founders, the Rev. Cecil Williams and Janice Mirikitani, hope the lunch will draw another seven-figure price tag, but they also appreciate the exposure.

"I think it's amazing to have Warren Buffett as an advocate," Mirikitani said. The charity provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless.

Last year's auction winner got a relative bargain by paying \$1,000,100. Four of the previous five winners each paid more than \$2 million, and the 2012 winning bid of \$3,456,789 re-

mains the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay.

Other charities have used eBay auctions to successfully raise money, such as the Grammy Foundation and MusiCares, which has brought in nearly \$4 million since 2005.

Buffett is confident this year's bidding will top the 2013 figure — "I think we'll beat it by quite a bit" — based on the limits prequalified bidders have set for themselves.

Buffett isn't quite sure why people are willing to pay so much for a private audience with Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, but he gives Glide part of the credit. The lunches typically last several hours, and Buffett tries to make sure the winners are satisfied.

The only limit on the conversation is what he might

invest in next, but any other topic is open, including the billionaire's investing philosophy and his thoughts on philanthropy and inheritance.

"It goes all over the map," he said.

Traditionally, the winners of the auction dine at Smith and Wollensky steak house in New York City, which donates at least \$10,000 to Glide each year to host the lunch. But in some years, the winner wants to remain anonymous so the lunch happens elsewhere.

Buffett's company owns more than 80 subsidiaries including insurance, furniture, clothing, jewelry and candy companies, restaurants and natural gas and corporate jet firms, and has major investments in such companies as Coca-Cola Co., IBM and Wells Fargo & Co. □

Valeant's offer for Botox giant Allergan raised

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Valeant Pharmaceuticals International has sweetened its offer to buy Botox maker Allergan for the second time this week.

The Canadian drugmaker said this weekend it will now offer \$72 and a portion of its stock for each Allergan share. That's up from an offer of \$58.30 and a portion of stock per share that Valeant extended on Wednesday.

The latest bid could be worth more than \$53 billion, based on Thursday's closing price for U.S.-traded shares of Valeant. But it's contingent on Allergan engaging in a prompt, good-faith negotiation of a merger agreement, Valeant said.

Shares in Allergan, based in Irvine, California, jumped nearly 6 percent Friday, while Valeant shares added 1.5 percent.

Earlier this month, Allergan rejected an offer of nearly \$46 billion, saying it undervalued the company. On Wednesday, Valeant increased its initial bid, throwing in a contingent value right worth up to \$25 per share, based on future sales of a potential eye treatment. As part of this weekend's offer, Pershing Square Capital Management, Allergan's largest shareholder, agreed to receive no cash if the deal goes through. That amounts to forfeiting up to \$600 million in value to other Allergan shareholders, said Bill Ackman, Pershing Square's chief executive.

"We are very committed to getting this deal done, and are now modifying our offer with the assistance of Pershing Square to increase the economics for all Allergan shareholders," said J. Michael Pearson, Valeant's chairman and chief executive. In a statement, Allergan said its board of directors would carefully review the latest buyout offer.

Wells Fargo Securities senior analyst Larry Biegelsen estimates that Valeant's latest bid amounts to about \$182 per share for virtually all Allergan shareholders. □

Rules of the Fund Road:

Watch the Fees, and Don't Look Back

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How an investment performed in the past doesn't work: Past performance doesn't guarantee future results. That thought should be familiar, since the Securities and Exchange Commission requires that it be published in all advertising dealing with mutual fund performance.

How much a fund charges in expenses does work. Within certain limits, fee levels provide an excellent guide to the future. Of course, fund fees in themselves don't guarantee that you'll do well with a particular investment; a

the most ordinary of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. But do those rosy numbers tell us much about the future, especially if the market changes direction?

Based on a new data analysis by Morningstar, the mutual fund tracking company, the old wisdom is likely to remain relevant today: Past performance isn't likely to help you pick a mutual fund or ETF for the future. But the level of a fund's fees probably will. Morningstar started with the investment universe that existed in June 2008. That was a turning point in the markets, although

ingstar, examined fund fees as a guideline for mutual fund performance over the subsequent five years. And at my request, Annette Larson, a senior research analyst at Morningstar, ran a computer program aimed at analyzing whether fund performance over the previous three, five and 10 years would have been useful for picking funds.

The results were clear for fund fees, and Kinnel posted them on the Morningstar site.

"I've found that low cost is the best single predictor of subsequent performance available," he said in an

ily found through Morningstar and many other services. The higher the expense ratio, the greater the fund's cost for investors. In each of Morningstar's 112 fund categories - like small-cap growth stock, large-cap value stock, or intermediate-term bond - the funds in the cheapest quintile in June 2008 generally outperformed other funds in their peer groups over the next five years. And as the fund quintiles became more expensive, the percentage of funds that outperformed their peers dropped. The cheapest group of domestic equity funds, for example, outper-



A new analysis shows that when fees are low, an investment portfolio is much more likely to outperform its peers.

(Ryan Sanchez/The New York Times)

bad bet doesn't magically turn into a good one if the fees are low. But all things equal, you will be a lot better off if hefty fees aren't eating up your returns. And low fees may tell you much more than that: When fees are low, the chances are much greater that an overall investment portfolio will outperform its peers.

These aren't new ideas. But they are worth reconsidering right now, with five years of bull market returns behind us. Those performance numbers have radically improved the appearance of even

no one knew it with certainty at the time. The financial crisis would soon deepen, and a recession was already underway, although it wouldn't be officially declared for months to come. The stock market was about to plunge horrifically, only to rebound in March 2009 and begin an epic bull market. None of that was clear at the time, either. At an important and difficult moment, it would have been very helpful to have a reliable guide to choosing investments.

Russel Kinnel, the director of fund research at Morn-

ingstar, said in an interview. "It's definitely not past performance. You should start with an allocation decision - say, you want to put a certain amount of money into the stock market - and then your next step probably ought to be to look for the cheapest funds that will give you that allocation. If you select your fund from that inexpensive group, you'll probably outperform." In his study, Kinnel divided funds into five groups - quintiles - based on their expense ratios, a widely used measure of basic fund fees that can be eas-

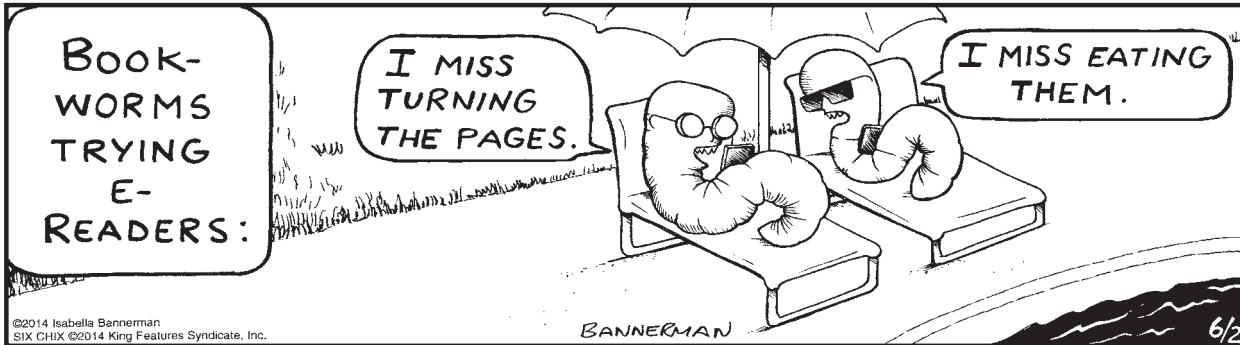
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Those numbers refer to what Kinnel calls a fund's "subsequent total return success rate" - the percentage of funds that existed in June 2008, survived as stand-alone entities for five more years and outperformed others in their category. The idea was to avoid "survivorship bias," which afflicts studies that compare only those funds in existence at the end of an extended period. □

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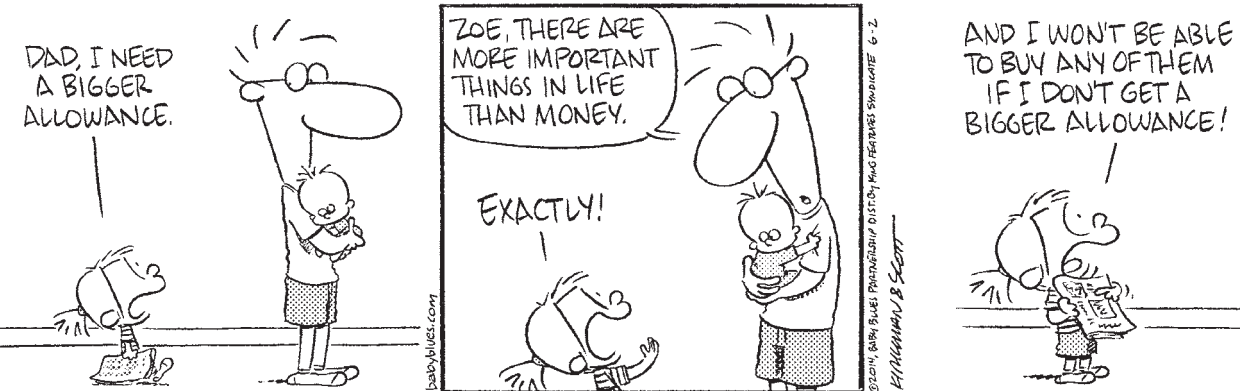
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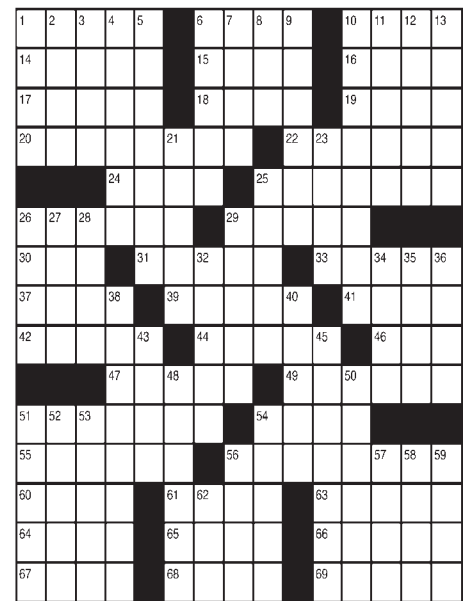
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- Sensible reasoning
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- Death notice, for short
- Drug addicts
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- Disease that causes red spots and fever
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- Sing like an Alpine goatherd
- Cavalry sword
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- Travis or Quaid
- Etna's output
- Iron alloy
- Suffers defeat
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- High-powered light beam
- Legally responsible, as for an accident
- Hates
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- Resound
- Soldier's dining room
- Region
- Opposite of "Giddyap!"
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- British noble
- Backstreet
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- Recolors
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- Manly
- Great joy
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- Not detected
- Gigantic
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- Dishwasher cycle
- Flower stalks
- Despise
- Practical jokes
- Shapes; forms
- Oohs and ___; shows delight
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Keeping Score: Abreu's Numbers Point Toward a Most Unlikely Honor

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NEW YORK - He's 40, a part-time outfielder in New York and among the best ever at reaching base. You are probably thinking Ichiro Suzuki, but you would be off by more than 500 times on base.

The player is Bobby Abreu of the Mets, and you would be forgiven for not including him among your first few guesses of those who have reached base more than 4,000 times.

In the midst of a five-game series in Philadelphia, where he played the bulk of his career, Abreu's improbable comeback appears complete. He has gone from out of baseball in 2013, to one of the few players worth watching on the Mets. Now an elder statesman of baseball, Abreu has career statistics that are unquestionably worthy of Hall of Fame consideration, even if he and Cooperstown are rarely mentioned in the same breath.

But if Abreu is not a Hall of Famer, why does he have better statistics than so many players who have been inducted?

The first thing that jumps out is the number of times he has reached base. If you include everything from hits to walks to hit-by-pitches to reaching on errors, Abreu, who had two hits and a walk Friday night, had reached base 4,018 times entering the weekend, 48th on the career list. One more and he will tie Rogers Hornsby for 47th place. If he sticks around, he could catch Tim Lincecum (4,076), Tony Gwynn (4,094) and Jimmie Foxx (4,124), among others.

The stocky Abreu has never looked like a flashy player, but he has often played like one. On Friday, he stole his 400th base, which combined with his 911 extra-base hits puts him in an exclusive 900-400 club with Barry Bonds, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Craig Biggio and Paul Molitor. If he could manage 12 more home runs, he would join an even more elite club: players with 300 homers and 400 stolen bases. Membership

currently comprises players with the last name Bonds: Barry and his father, Bobby. Proponents of both new and old statistics should agree on Abreu's greatness, yet neither camp has taken up his cause. He has the counting stats



New York Mets' Bobby Abreu hits an RBI single against the Pittsburgh Pirates in New York.
(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

older fans love, including 2,451 hits, 1,356 runs batted in and 1,444 runs scored through Friday, and he manages to look just as good in an advanced statistical analysis.

Wins Above Replacement can be tricky in terms of ca-

reer evaluation, because longevity can produce a number seemingly higher than the player's actual value. An attempt by statistician Jay Jaffe to account for the explosiveness of a player's prime, and his prolonged value, resulted in a statistic called Jaffe WAR Scoring System, generally referred to as JAWS. The statistic is an average of a player's WAR with the WAR of his best seven-year stretch.

Using that method gives Abreu a 51.2, which had him just ahead of Suzuki as the 17th best right fielder to play the game. He is ahead of recent stars like Vladimir Guerrero and Gary Sheffield. He is also rated higher than Dave Winfield, Elmer Flick, Willie Keeler, Enos Slaughter, Sam Rice, Harry Hooper, Kiki Cuyler, Chuck Klein, Sam Thompson, King Kelly and Ross Youngs. The common thread here is that all of those players are right fielders with plaques in Cooperstown.

But for his entire career, Abreu has been snubbed despite his obvious talent.

He appeared in just two All-Star Games (Winfield, who is three spots below him in terms of JAWS, played in 12) and has never finished higher than 12th in the voting for most valuable player. He has one Gold Glove and one Silver Slugger, and no other major awards.

A hot topic in recent seasons has been whether Carlos Beltran, with a terrific postseason résumé and an unusual blend of speed and power, is a Hall of Famer. While certainly a superior fielder to Abreu, Beltran is inferior in a number of offensive categories, including extra-base hits and stolen bases. And most starkly, Beltran would need to reach safely in 672 of his next 891 plate appearances to match Abreu's career totals through Friday.

If Abreu has never had a true breakout season, he has been merely excellent for 12 of his 18 seasons. He also became something of a journeyman after being traded from the Phillies, which can hurt a player's reputation. In the end, Abreu may fall short of being a Hall of Famer, but his numbers have him closer than many probably realize. And on a Mets team that provides little reason to tune in, Abreu is proving that he is, apparently, nowhere near done. □

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NASA to test giant Mars parachute on Earth

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The skies off the Hawaiian island of Kauai will be a stand-in for Mars as NASA prepares to launch a saucer-shaped vehicle in an experimental flight designed to land heavy loads on the red planet.

For decades, robotic landers and rovers have hitched a ride to Earth's planetary neighbor using the same parachute design. But NASA needs a bigger and stronger parachute if it wants to send astronauts there.

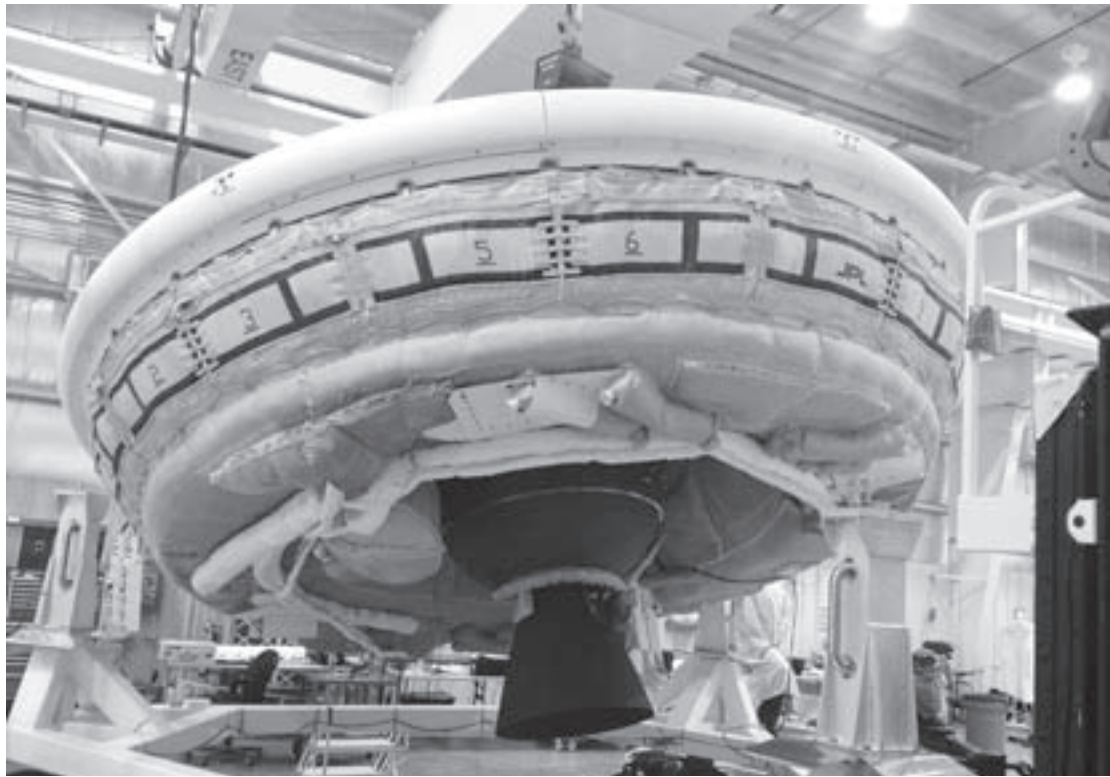
Weather permitting, the space agency will conduct a test flight Tuesday high in Earth's atmosphere that's supposed to simulate the thin Martian air.

Cameras rigged aboard the vehicle will capture the action as it accelerates to four times the speed of sound and falls back to Earth. Viewers with an Internet connection can follow along live.

Engineers cautioned that they may not succeed on the first try.

"As long as I get data, I'll be very happy," said project manager Mark Adler of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The search for a way to land massive payloads on Mars predates the existence of NASA. Back then, engineers toyed with sending a winged spacecraft that would land like an airplane, but the idea was



This undated image provided by NASA shows a saucer-shaped test vehicle holding equipment for landing large payloads on Mars in the Missile Assembly Building at the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility at Kekaha on the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

Associated Press

not feasible, space historians say.

Landing has always been "one of the big technology challenges for a human Mars mission," American University space policy professor Howard McCurdy said in an email.

When the twin Viking landers became the first spacecraft to set down on Mars in 1976, they relied on parachutes to slow down after punching through the Martian atmosphere. The basic design has been used since including during the Curiosity rover's hair-raising landing in 2012.

With plans to land heavier

spacecraft and eventually humans, NASA need-

ed a heftier solution. So it designed a supersonic

parachute that's 110 feet (33.5 meters) in diameter — twice as big as the one that carried the 1-ton Curiosity. It's so gigantic that it can't fit into the wind tunnels that NASA typically uses to test parachutes.

Since it's impractical to test unproven technology on Mars, NASA looked to Earth as a substitute.

During the flight, a high-flying balloon will loft the disc-shaped vehicle from the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai to 23 miles (37 kilometers) over the Pacific where it will be dropped. Then it will fire its rocket motor to climb to 34 miles (55 kilometers), accelerating to Mach 4. The environment at this altitude is similar to Mars' thin atmosphere.

As it descends to Earth, a tube around the vehicle should inflate, slowing it down. □

Decades-old photos emerge of Apollo training

AUDREY McAVOY

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Before Apollo astronauts went to the moon, they went to Hawaii to train on the Big Island's lunar-like landscapes.

Now, decades-old photos are surfacing of astronauts scooping up Hawaii's soil and riding across volcanic fields in a "moon buggy" vehicle. The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, a Hawaii state agency, is displaying the photos at its Hilo headquarters. Rob Kelso, the agency's executive director, found the images at the Johnson Space Center

in Houston.

Astronauts from Apollo missions 13 through 17 trained in Hawaii as did some back up crews, Kelso said.

Some training was on Mauna Kea volcano, where glacial runoff crushed and refined rock into powder. Astronauts also trained on recent lava flows.

Today, robots are tested on the Big Island for moon and Mars missions.

In recent years, engineers have tested technology to pull oxygen out of the island's dirt, which is volcanic basalt like the Martian and lunar soil. Future missions could use this technology to extract oxygen from

the land instead of taking it along. The oxygen could be used for breathing, to make fuel or for other purposes.

Kelso said scientists are also interested in testing robots at the Big Island's lava tubes and lava tube skylight holes, which resemble similar formations recently spotted in high-definition images taken by satellites orbiting the moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars.

Lava tubes are tunnels made when lava forms a solid roof after flowing steadily in a confined area for hours. Skylight holes are formed when part of the tube breaks. □

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'Brady Bunch' actress Ann B. Davis dies in Texas

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

Emmy-winning actress Ann B. Davis, who became the country's favorite and most famous housekeeper as the devoted Alice Nelson of "The Brady Bunch," died Sunday at a San Antonio hospital. She was 88. Bexar County, Texas, medical examiner's investigator Sara Horne said Davis died Sunday morning at University Hospital. Horne said no cause of death was available and that an autopsy was planned Monday. Bill Frey, a retired bishop and a longtime friend of Davis, said she suffered a fall Saturday at her San Antonio home and never recovered. Frey said Davis had lived with him and his wife, Barbara, since 1976. More than a decade before scoring as the Bradys'

loyal Alice, Davis was the razor-tongued secretary on another stalwart TV sitcom, "The Bob Cummings Show," which brought her two Emmys. Over the years, she also appeared on Broadway and in occasional movies. Davis considered her ordinary look an asset. "I know at least a couple hundred glamour gals who are starving in this town," she told the Los Angeles Times in 1955, the year the Cummings show began its four-year run. "I'd rather be myself and eating." She said she told NBC photographers not to retouch their pictures of her, but they ignored her request and "gave me eyebrows." Producer Sherwood Schwartz's "The Brady Bunch" debuted in 1969 and aired for five years.



In this April 14, 2007, file photo, Florence Henderson, from left, Susan Olsen, Maureen McCormick, Lloyd Schwartz and Ann B. Davis of the television show "The Brady Bunch" accept the Pop Culture Award during the 5th Annual TV Land Awards in Santa Monica, Calif.

But like Schwartz's other hit, "Gilligan's Island," it has

lived on in reruns and sequels.

As "The Brady Bunch" theme song reminded viewers each week, the Bradys combined two families into one. Florence Henderson played a widow raising three daughters when she met her TV husband, Robert Reed, a widower with three boys. In her blue and white maid's uniform, Davis' character, Alice Nelson, was constantly cleaning up messes large and small, and she was a mainstay of stability for the family.

"I think I'm lovable. That's the gift God gave me," Davis told The Associated Press in a 1993 interview. "I don't do anything to be lovable. I have no control." Davis' face occupied the center square during the show's opening credits. Her love interest was Sam the Butcher, played by Allan Melvin.

"I'm shocked and saddened! I've lost a wonderful friend and colleague," Henderson said in a statement Sunday.

"The Brady Bunch" had a successful run until 1974, but it didn't die then. It returned as "The Brady Bunch Hour" (1977), "The Brady Brides" (1981), "The Bradys" (1990). It even appeared as a Saturday morning spinoff (1972-1974).

"The Brady Bunch Movie," with Shelley Long and

Gary Cole as the parents, was a surprise box-office hit in 1995. It had another actress as Alice, but Davis appeared in a bit part as a trucker. It was followed the next year — without Davis — by a less successful "A Very Brady Sequel."

Older TV viewers remember Davis for another non-glamorous role, on "The Bob Cummings Show," also known as "Love That Bob." She played Schultz, the assistant to Cummings' character, a handsome, swinging bachelor photographer always chasing beautiful women.

It brought Davis supporting actress Emmy Awards in 1958 and 1959.

After the series ended in 1959, Davis appeared in such movies as "A Man Called Peter," "Lover Come Back" and "All Hands on Deck." During layoffs she played in summer stock.

Between her two better-known shows, she played a gym teacher at an exclusive girls' school in 1965-66 in "The John Forsythe Show."

During her stints in "The Bob Cummings Show" and "The Brady Bunch," she used the layoffs to appear in summer theater with such shows as "Three on a Honeymoon." She also toured with the USO to entertain U.S. troops in Korea and elsewhere. □

Network distances itself from reality casting

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Producers seeking teenagers who "party like a rock star" for a reality show about their lives say they were actually casting for the upcoming CMT intervention series, "My Dysfunctional Family," not a show that glorifies teen rebellion.

But the producers and CMT, which is premiering the series on July 5, are distancing themselves from how participants were wrangled for the show.

Through a casting service, the show's production company had said it was seeking people as young as 13 who described themselves as "a modern-day teenage rebel with a hard-core lifestyle."

A casting flyer was distributed with the message: "(expletive) parents. They're old and they don't know (expletive). It's 4:20 and time for you and your friend Molly to tell your story." Molly is the street name for a synthetic drug.

The notice, which appeared in the entertainment industry publication



This photo released by CMT shows Dave Vitalli, who stars in the new reality television series, "My Dysfunctional Family," premiering on July 5, 2014, at 10:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT, on CMT. The family fixer, Vitalli, works to help troubled teens and their parents in the new eight-episode CMT series.

Associated Press

Backstage, advertised a show called "My Teen Life," which doesn't exist. Instead, producers now say the casting was for "My Dysfunctional Family," which features "a self-styled commando family fixer" who helps troubled teens and their families deal with addiction and other issues. Yet both CMT and the show's production company, Shed Media US, say they did not see or approve the language in the Backstage notice and

flyer for their show. And the casting company, Metal Flowers Media, says it circulated only approved materials, but wouldn't say who approved them.

The casting language is not in the spirit of the show, CMT said in a statement on Thursday. "'My Dysfunctional Family' is a positive show about bringing families together," CMT said. "In no way does this show glamorize or even condone bad behavior from teenagers. □



In this Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013, file photo, South Korean rapper PSY performs during his concert "All Night Stand" in Seoul, South Korea.

Associated Press

Psy's 'Gangnam Style' hits 2 billion YouTube views

NEW YORK (AP) — It's 2 billion and counting for Psy and his irrepressible "Gangnam Style."

The South Korean pop star's surprise hit has become the first YouTube video to surpass 2 billion views, crossing the mark around shortly before midnight EDT Friday. The unlikely viral star holds the record for most overall views and most views in a day with 38 million for his

"Gangnam Style" followup "Gentleman."

No other video comes close to "Gangnam" on the streaming service's list of top videos. Justin Bieber's "Baby" is the only other billion-plus video at 1.04 billion views. Cute kid video "Charlie bit my finger - again!" is a distant third with 711 million views.

Psy has three of the top 15 videos on the site. □

Singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge marries



Melissa Etheridge, left, and Linda Wallem arrive at the 6th Annual Go Go Gala at the Bel Air Bay Club in this Nov. 14, 2013 file photo taken in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and gay rights activist Melissa Etheridge has gotten married.

People magazine says the 53-year-old Etheridge married partner Linda Wallem at the San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, California, on Saturday.

Etheridge and the 53-year-old Wallem, a co-creator of the television series "Nurse Jackie," began dating in

2010. They announced their engagement following the Supreme Court's decision on gay rights.

Besides the singer's four children, the magazine says several celebrities attended the ceremony, including Chelsea Handler, Rosie O'Donnell, Whitney Cummings, Peter Facinelli and recording artist Sia.

Etheridge also has a new solo album scheduled for release in September. □

Review: Blogger tallies Springsteen's Top 100



This book cover image released by Rowman & Littlefield shows "Counting Down Bruce Springsteen: His 100 Finest Songs," by Jim Beviglia. Associated Press

JOE MANDAK
Associated Press

"Counting Down Bruce Springsteen: His 100 Finest Songs" (Rowman & Littlefield), by Jim Beviglia

Music blogger Jim Beviglia is trying to do far more than start arguments with his latest book, "Counting Down Bruce Springsteen: His 100 Finest Songs." He ranks Springsteen's officially released studio recordings song by song from No. 100, "The E Street Shuffle," to the predictably No. 1, "Born to Run."

"Sometimes the obvious

choice is obvious for a reason," Beviglia argues in support of his cliched top pick. Overall, six cuts from the eight-song "Born to Run" album made Beviglia's list, all ranked No. 19 or better. Still, Beviglia's choices are hardly predictable.

Fan faves like "She's the One," "Ramrod" and "Something in the Night" are missing, while "Cautious Man," "Zero and Blind Terry" — and even "Outlaw Pete" — made the list.

"He's become so revered for his live music, and rightfully so," Beviglia told The Associated Press. "But I don't want people to lose sight of those original recordings, and he's really meticulous about how these records are supposed to sound. He's an amazing record maker, and I hope (the book) sends people back to those original recordings."

Beviglia reviewed every studio-recorded song Springsteen has "officially" released, the lone exception being "American Skin (41 Shots)," which debuted on a live

album chronicling the tour when it was written.

Some ranked songs come from after-the-fact compilations like the 66-song "Tracks" box set or "The Promise." Both include songs left off original albums, which nonetheless became known to fans through bootlegs or word-of-mouth from live performances. Only a few artists record enough songs to even make the "100 Finest" treatment worthwhile. Beviglia's first book ranked Bob Dylan's Top 100. Next up: The Rolling Stones. For some perspective, The Eagles, one of the largest-selling bands in the world, have released barely more than 80 studio-recorded songs. Springsteen is unusually prolific, one reason why his devotees track concert set lists like degenerate gamblers poring over horse racing forms. Fan website Backstreets.com notes that Springsteen played 182 different songs at 34 concerts this year alone.

And before streamlining his songwriting and recording on more recent releases □

'Arsenio Hall Show' canceled after 1 season

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Arsenio Hall Show" has been canceled because of low ratings, ending Hall's late-night TV comeback bid after a single season.

Hall's bid to recreate the success

he enjoyed 20 years ago failed to find a big enough audience in the ever-crowded late-night TV market.

CBS Television Production had previously announced Hall's syndicated show would be back for a second season, but faced the prospect of stations moving it to lesser time slots as ratings fell. □



In this July 29, 2013 file photo, from left, executive producer Neal Kendall, host/executive producer Arsenio Hall and executive producer John Ferriter participate in the "The Arsenio Hall Show" panel at the 2013 CBS Summer TCA Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Putin Blinked



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There was a moment at the height of the Cuban missile crisis in October 1962 when Soviet ships approached to within just a few miles of a U.S. naval blockade and then, at the last minute, turned back - prompting then-Secretary of State Dean Rusk to utter one of the most famous lines from the Cold War: "We're eyeball to eyeball, and I think the other fellow just blinked."

The crisis in Ukraine never threatened a Cold War-like nuclear Armageddon, but it may be the first case of post-post-Cold War brinkmanship, pitting the 21st century versus the 19th. It pits a Chinese/Russian worldview that says we can take advantage of 21st-century globalization whenever we want to enrich ourselves, and we can behave like 19th-century powers whenever we want to take a bite out of a neighbor, versus a view that says, no, sorry, the world of the 21st century is not just interconnected but interdependent and either you play by those rules or you pay a huge price.

In the end, it was Putinism versus Obamaism, and I'd like to be the first on my block to declare that the "other fellow" - Putin - "just blinked." In fact, I'd like to say more: Putin got pretty much everything wrong in Ukraine. He thought the world was still shaped by "spheres of influence" dictated from the top down, when Ukraine was all about the emergence of "people of influence" - The Square People, organized from the bottom up and eager to join their own sphere: the world of liberty and free markets represented by the European Union.

Putin underestimated Ukrainian patriotism; even many Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine did not like pro-Putin thugs trying to force them to join Russia. "Ukrainians have said in opinion polls that they want open borders and visa-free access to Russia," noted pollster Craig Charney. "But they also said in those polls - and confirmed with their majority vote for a pro-European candidate in Sunday's election - that while they think Russia is a nice place to visit, they wouldn't want to live there."

And, most of all, Putin underestimated the effect of Western economic sanctions. The world turned out to be more interdependent, and Russia more exposed to that interdependence, than Putin thought.

So he blinked. The first flutter was pulling back his troops from Ukraine's border and letting the election proceed. Interestingly,

he chose to blink this out most directly at last week's St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Russia's annual conference to attract global investors. "We want peace and calm in Ukraine," Putin told the business executives. "We are interested that on our western borders we have peace and calm in Ukraine. ... We will work with the newly elected structure."

After Putin spoke, the ruble rose 1 percent against the dollar, demonstrating just how much global markets will continue to reward his conciliation and punish his aggression. It has not been pretty. Putin has had to spend billions propping up the ruble and making up for lost foreign investment. Reuters reported that Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov told some attendees in St. Petersburg that the sanctions are "causing serious consequences for our economy," which could soon be in recession.

And, because Putin's aggression in Crimea has spurred Europe to reduce its dependence on Russian gas, Putin rushed to Beijing to conclude a natural gas supply deal with China. The price China extracted is secret and experts "suspect Putin dropped the price of gas significantly for China in a desperate maneuver to ensure a steady cash flow for Gazprom in the face of sinking revenue and Western sanctions," The Washington Post reported. "There's something fishy in the contract," said Mikhail Krutikhin, an energy analyst at RusEnergy, suggesting that Russia got a bad bargain. Putin blinked.

Let's add it up: Putin's seizure of Crimea has weakened the Russian economy, led to China getting a bargain gas deal, revived NATO, spurred Europe to start ending its addiction to Russian gas and begun a debate across Europe about increasing defense spending. Nice work, Vladimir. That's why I say the country Putin threatens most today is Russia.

The Russian people will have to sort that out. I wish them well. I don't want Russia to become a failed state. But I want to see Ukraine get where its majority wants to go - toward closer ties with the EU, but without a break in ties to Russia. That will require not only a new Ukrainian president, but a new Parliament, a new constitution and an engaged network of civil society groups able to hold Kiev's all-too-often corrupt leaders to the rule of law and to the standards of governance being demanded by both the EU and the IMF, in return for aid.

With Ukraine's economy closely tied to Russia's - Kiev owes Russia \$3.5 billion in gas bills - Putin still has enormous power to squeeze Ukraine. The goal of the West should not be to prevent Putin from having any influence in Ukraine. Given all the links, that is not possible or healthy. It is to keep Putin backed off and blinking enough so that Ukraine can be Russia's neighbor - charting its own balance between the EU and Moscow - but not Russia's vassal. □



The Campaign for Junk Food



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When we began our Let's Move! initiative four years ago, we set one simple but ambitious goal: to end the epidemic of childhood obesity in a generation so that kids born today will grow up healthy.

To achieve this goal, we have adhered to one clear standard: what works. The initiatives we undertake are evidence-based, and we rely on the most current science. Research indicated that kids needed less sugar, salt and fat in their diets, so we revamped school lunch menus accordingly. When data showed that the lack of nearby grocery stores negatively affected people's eating habits, we worked to get more fresh-food retailers into underserved areas. Studies on habit formation in young children drove our efforts to get healthier food and more physical activity into child care centers.

Today, we are seeing glimmers of progress. Tens of millions of kids are getting better nutrition in school; families are thinking more carefully about food they eat, cook and buy; companies are rushing to create healthier products to meet the growing demand; and the obesity rate is finally beginning to fall from its peak among our youngest children.

So we know that when we rely on sound science, we can actually begin to turn the tide on childhood obesity.

But unfortunately, we're now seeing attempts in Congress to undo so much of what we've accomplished on behalf of our children. Take, for example, what's going on now with the Women, Infants and Children program, known as WIC. This is a federal program designed to provide supplemental nutrition to low-income women and their babies and toddlers. The idea is to fill in the gaps in their diets - to help them buy items like fresh produce that they can't afford on their own - and give them the nutrition they're missing. Right now, the House of Representatives is considering a bill to override science by mandating that white potatoes be included on the list of foods that women can purchase using WIC dollars. Now, there is nothing wrong with potatoes. The problem is that many women and children already consume enough potatoes and not enough of the nutrient-dense fruits and vegetables they need. That's why the Institute of Medicine - the nonpartisan, scientific body that advises on the standards for WIC - has said that potatoes should not be part of the WIC program.

Unfortunately, this isn't an isolated occurrence. We're seeing the same kind of scenario unfold with our school lunch program. Back in 2010, Congress passed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which set higher nutritional standards for school lunches, also based on recommendations from the Institute of Medicine. Today, 90 percent of schools report that they are meeting these new standards.

As a result, kids are now getting more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other foods they need to be healthy.

This is a big win for parents who are working hard to serve their kids balanced meals at home and don't want their efforts undermined during the day at school. And it's a big win for all of us since we spend more than \$10 billion a year on school lunches and should not be spending

those hard-earned taxpayer dollars on junk food for our children. Yet some members of the House of Representatives are now threatening to roll back these new standards and lower the quality of food our kids get in school. They want to make it optional, not mandatory, for schools to serve fruits and vegetables to our kids. They also want to allow more sodium and fewer whole grains than recommended into school lunches.

These issues will be considered when the House Appropriations Committee takes up the annual spending bill for the Agriculture Department on Thursday.

Remember a few years ago when Congress declared that the sauce on a slice of pizza should count as a vegetable in school lunches? You don't have to be a nutritionist to know that this doesn't make much sense. Yet we're seeing the same thing happening again with these new efforts to lower nutrition standards in our schools.

Our children deserve so much better than this. Even with the progress we have made, 1 in 3 children in this country is still overweight or obese.

One in 3 is expected to develop diabetes in his or her lifetime.

And this isn't just about our children's health; it's about the health of our economy as well. We already spend an estimated \$190 billion a year treating obesity-related conditions. Just think about what those numbers will look like in a decade or two if we don't start solving this problem now.

The bottom line is very simple: As parents, we always put our children's interests first.

We wake up every morning and go to bed every night worrying about their well-being and their futures. And when we make decisions about our kids' health, we rely on doctors and experts who can give us accurate information based on sound science. Our leaders in Washington should do the same. □

As ties with China unravel, U.S. companies head to Mexico

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SALTILLO, Mexico - Jason Sauey calls them lemmings - all the U.S. companies that rushed to China to make things like toys and toilet brushes, only to be searching now for alternatives in Mexico and the United States. His own family-owned plastics company, Flambeau, nearly made the same mistake around 2004, he said, when competitors contracting with China undercut prices and seized market share.

Flambeau resisted, turning instead to its factory here in central Mexico. And now the company - which makes Duncan yo-yos, hunting decoys, plastic cases and an array of industrial items - is reaping the rewards, Sauey said.

Revenues at its Mexican plant have grown by 80 percent since 2010, according to company records, prompting a search for a second location near Mexico City. And in the past year, a dozen corporations have come to Flambeau and requested bids on projects worth tens of millions of dollars for things like smartphone cases and car parts.

"They're all looking for a new model," Sauey said at his offices in Middlefield, Ohio. "It's not just about cost; it's about speed of response and quality."

With labor costs rising rapidly in China, U.S. manufacturers of all sizes are looking south to Mexico with what economists describe as an eagerness not seen since the early years of the North American Free Trade Agreement in the 1990s. From border cities like Tijuana to the central plains where new factories are filling farmland, Mexican workers are increasingly in demand.

American trade with Mexico has grown by nearly 30 percent since 2010, to \$507 billion annually, and foreign direct investment in Mexico last year hit a record \$35 billion. Over the past few years, manufactured goods from Mexico have claimed a larger share

of the U.S. import market, reaching a high of about 14 percent, according to the International Monetary Fund, while China's share has declined.

"When you have the wages in China doubling every few years, it changes the whole calculus," said Christopher Wilson, an economics scholar at the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center

hula hoops (Hoopnotica); toilet brushes (Casabella); grills and outdoor furniture (Meco Corp.); medical supplies (DJO Global); and industrial cabinets (Viasystems Group).

And while in some cases a move to Mexico is tied to job cuts in the United States, economists say that the U.S. economy benefits more from outsourcing manufacturing to Mexico

standing problems like education, organized crime and corruption.

However, for every successful Flambeau, there seems to be a KidCo, another Midwestern manufacturer, which gave up trying to move production from China to Mexico last year.

"It's a lot more convenient to fly to Mexico than to China," said Ken Kaiser,

most right is good enough; second best is fine," said Edward Treanor, Flambeau's factory manager in Saltillo.

Worker turnover, maintenance troubles and inconsistent quality have been a drag on the bottom line for years. But because Mexico is closer than China, Treanor added, Flambeau could do more about it: A few months ago, the company sent a trusted American employee to oversee maintenance full time and improve factory operations.

Experts say that these are the kinds of companies succeeding now in Mexico, those big enough to manage their own factories and those that did not give up their technical knowledge by outsourcing to China.

"There are a lot of examples of clients who were in Mexico, went to China and now want to come back, and most of them have given up their expertise in manufacturing," said Scott Stanley, a senior vice president at North American Production Sharing, one of the largest firms to help U.S. companies set up production facilities in Mexico.

To draw more companies now, executives, officials and experts say, Mexico and the United States will need to become better neighbors, more focused on sharing labor and moving products.

Wilson at the Mexico Institute called specifically for a focus on "globally literate workforces in both countries."

"At a very basic level, that means teaching more Spanish in the U.S. and more English in Mexico," he said. Other, more immediate changes are also necessary, he added, including shorter wait times at the border, better roads and productivity gains in Mexico - lowering the cost of electricity, for example. After all, as the rise of China showed once before, there is no guarantee that Mexican and U.S. manufacturing will stay attractive for long. □



Yo-yos manufactured by Duncan at a factory run by Flambeau in Saltillo, Mexico. This family-owned plastic goods maker has seen revenues here grow 80 percent since 2010, part of a wider trend of manufacturing work which was once outsourced from the United States to China now relocating again, to Mexico.

(Rodrigo Cruz/The New York Times)

for Scholars in Washington. "Mexico has become the most competitive place to manufacture goods for the North American market, for sure, and it's also become the most cost-competitive place to manufacture some goods for all over the world."

Many U.S. companies are expanding in Mexico - including well-known brands like Caterpillar, Chrysler, Stanley Black & Decker and Callaway Golf - adding billions of dollars in investment and helping to drive the economic integration that President Barack Obama and President Enrique Peña Nieto have both described as vital to growth.

As that happens, some companies are cutting back in China and heading to Mexico to manufacture an array of products, like headsets (Plantronics);

than to China because neighbors tend to share more of the production. Roughly 40 percent of the parts found in Mexican imports originally came from the United States, compared with only 4 percent for Chinese imports, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, a private research group.

Such comparisons appear to have blunted some of the scorn that greeted U.S. companies moving production to Mexico in the 1990s. And yet, for the economic relationship to reach its full potential, experts, officials and executives say, the United States needs to make trade efficiency as important as border security. Long waits at the border continue to frustrate many companies. At the same time, Mexico needs to overcome long-

the company's owner. "But we just couldn't find a way to get an advantage by moving. It took forever just to get a price quote." Dozens of interviews with executives, economists and U.S. and Mexican officials over the past year show that what many companies are discovering is that there is not one Mexico, but many. Despite many signs of promise, Mexico is still a country of vast differences in efficiency and education, where only a small minority of the population has the training needed to compete with the world. Especially for the crowded middle of U.S. manufacturing - the family-owned, medium-size businesses like KidCo and Flambeau - Mexico disappoints as often as it satisfies. Flambeau is not immune to the problems that kept KidCo in China. "In Mexico, al-